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## Photo radar under review

THE PROVINCE

**Move to ensure  
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law enforcement**



**Lucie  
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Millions collected by the Calgary police's photo radar could be at risk with a provincial review to make sure it's targeting safety and not being used as a cash cow.

According to the CPS data, there were 273,082 photo radar tickets handed down in 2015, raking in approximately \$21 million.

On Thursday, Transportation Minister Brian Mason said a review is now underway in his department. It's a plan that has the support of all four opposition parties in the legislature.

Mason said the review is based on public feedback.

"There's a strong public view, I think, that photo radar has gone beyond just enforcing safe traffic and has become, in

some cases, a bit of a cash cow for municipalities," Mason said Thursday. "That is a misuse, if that is occurring."

He said they need to know to what degree that is occurring, and to make sure it can be corrected.

Municipalities with 5,000 residents or more can run photo radar through their local police or RCMP. Most of the money from a photo radar ticket — 73 per cent — goes to the municipality. The other 27 per cent goes to the province. Every ticket has a 15 per cent surcharge for a victims of crime fund.

Progressive Conservative leader Jason Kenney has been calling for a photo radar review following a cross-province tour he made to win the party leadership in March. He said he heard "hundreds of Albertans in every corner of the province" express frustration with photo radar.

"It's supposed to be a law enforcement and not a tax-collection tool, but I think there's growing anecdotal evidence that's not the case."

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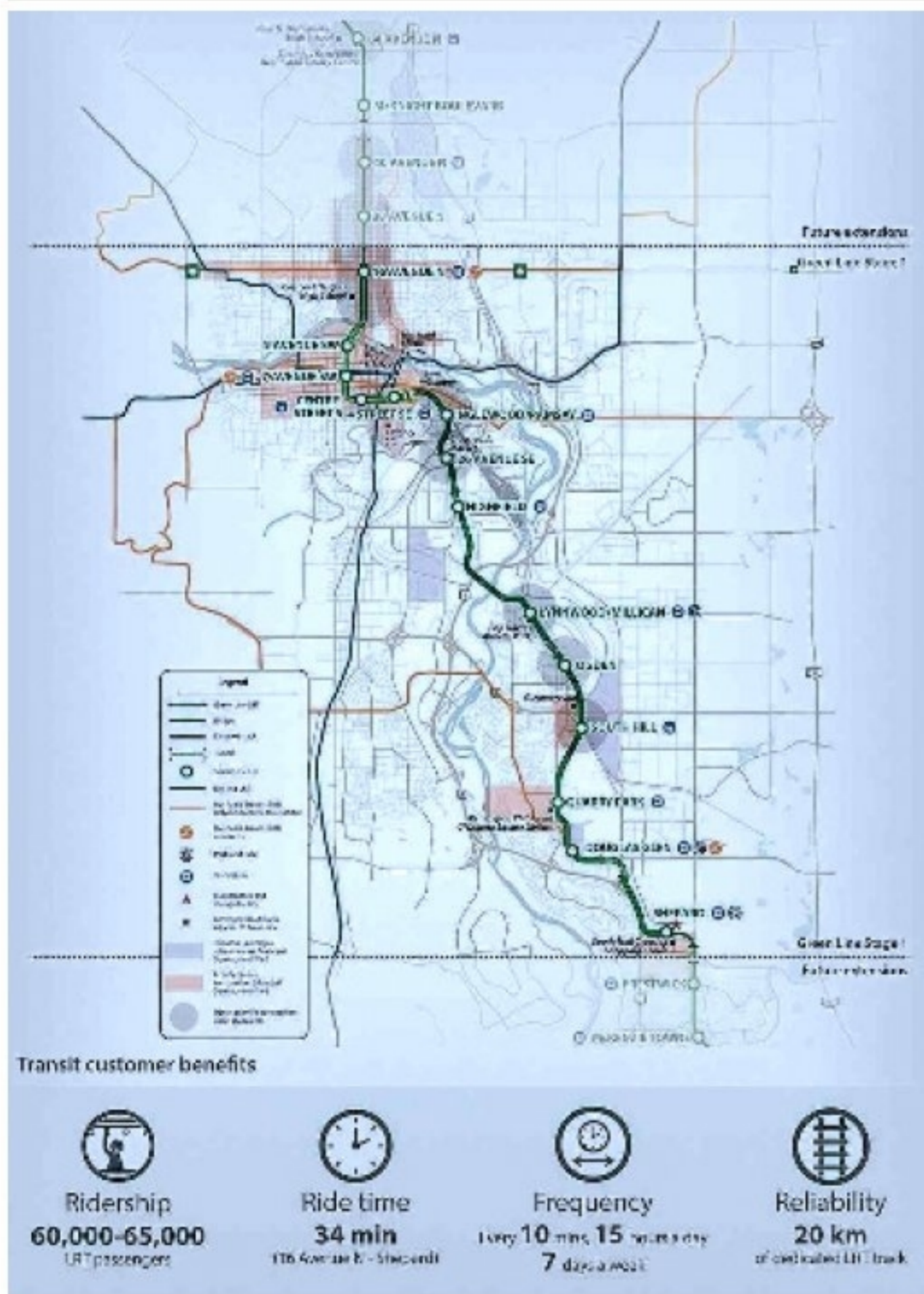
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A map of Calgary's first stage for the Green Line construction. COURTESY CITY OF CALGARY

# Nenshi critical of 'gigantic' costs

## Phase One of project serves half of original proposal

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Metro | Calgary

What was sold as a 40-kilometre train from Calgary's deep south to north at \$4.5 billion is now a 20-kilometre LRT line from the mid-south grazing the city's northeast for \$4.6 billion.

On Thursday, Metro was first to report that administration had notified city council and the province about their recommended first stage of Green Line construction. The line, which was intended to stretch from Seton in the south to Keystone in the north all in one go, is now being sold as a several-step process starting at Shepard and ending after the train comes out of its downtown underground tunnel near 16 Avenue North.

"It's a great start for a project that will help us build our city," said transportation boss Mac Logan. "To the folks where the stations won't be in their backyards as part of the first stage of construction, this is going to benefit the entire city in a number of ways."

Logan said the LRT line, which will still be the city's biggest infrastructure project, will help

relieve congestion and improve service to the downtown.

"The downtown is the economic engine of the city and pays the majority of the property taxes," said Logan. "So that benefits any Calgarian's property taxes across the city."

Although Mayor Naheed Nenshi says the line shouldn't be built inch-by-inch and that it needed to serve both sides of the river in order to be a success, Logan noted the city didn't have enough information in the beginning to promise the line in its entirety.

"It's not a pretty big discrepancy, it's huge," said Nenshi. "This has been the issue with Green Line for some time. Council, in making design choices, such as it has to be underground downtown, and in the Beltline, has significantly added to the cost."

Ward 3 Coun. Jim Stevenson said there's not going to be rioting in the north.

"The people in the area I represent are going to be as excited as I am about this announcement," said Stevenson. "This means that we're underway. There's no way that this is something that's starting and stopping."

But the mayor said a concrete start and end to the first phase means they can get the line operational while planning, or perhaps building, more stages.

On Monday, the mayor said councillors will begin to debate if that 20 kilometres is the "right" 20 kilometres to build

and if the downtown underground alignment is still the way to go.

Coun. Shane Keating said this is the best scenario the city can do at this time.

LRT on the Green (LRTOTG), a grassroots organization that's engaged citizens since Day 1, said this stage one announcement needs to be the beginning, not the end of construction.

"When the conversation about funding began, we were under the impression that \$4.6 to \$5 billion would build the entire line and accounted for the tunnel portion downtown," said LRTOTG president Jeff Binks. "That cost estimate hasn't been talked about for some time and today I guess we know why."

As for the residents in the north, Binks said they need a vocal leader.

"Council must now show leadership to demonstrate that they won't be forgotten," Binks said.

## + REPORT

- Phase 1's completion is expected by 2026. A timeline for additional stages is unknown.
- City council will discuss administration's report on Stage one of the Green Line LRT at a strategic meeting of council may 15.
- Potential ridership for stage one is estimated at up to 65,000 passengers.

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## PRINCE'S ISLAND PARK

## 3D sign made for selfies

Calgary's mayor, and distinguished guests from the provincial and federal government, unveiled the first of 18 3D Canada 150 signs as part of a Tourism Industry Association of Canada project on Thursday.

The signs will be placed in provincial and territorial capitals, as well as iconic tourist destinations to create gathering spaces nationwide to help celebrate Canada's history.

And of course, selfie-obsessed Naheed Nenshi was grateful to have Calgary be the first on their list.

"Today is about celebrating, it's about celebrating public space, it's about celebrating public art, and I cannot wait to see this piece," said Nenshi.

The art isn't just for show; citizens are encouraged to take pictures with it, and post to social media with the hashtag #3DCanada150.

HELEN PIKE/METRO

## DRUG BUST

## Police charge four in fentanyl operation

Four people have been charged and a fifth will likely join them in relation to a fentanyl and cocaine trafficking operation in northeast Calgary, the Calgary Police Service said Thursday. The CPS Strategic Enforcement Unit obtained warrants for two residences in the 100 block of Laguna Close NE and in the 0-100 block of Falbury Crescent NE. Ali Mosa, 23, Bo Lam Tung, 19, Deborah Lynn Barden, 51, and Philip Herman Pepin, 54, are all facing charges. METRO



Many apartment buildings in Calgary were converted into condominiums in the 1990s and 2000s. CONTRIBUTED

## Calgary losing rentals faster than other cities

## HOUSING

## Condominiums may be picking up some of the slack

Brodie Thomas  
Metro | Calgary

If you've ever had trouble finding an apartment in Calgary, new data from the School of Public Policy shows it's not just you being picky.

Economist Ron Kneebone took a look at CMHC data on

purpose-built apartment numbers in four major Canadian cities: Toronto, Vancouver, Montreal and Calgary.

He found that the availability per capita in all cities has been on the decline since 1990, but nowhere more so than Calgary, where the population climbed 96 per cent as rental availability declined 24 per cent.

However, Gerry Baxter, executive director of the Calgary Residential Rental Association, said given the nearly 100 per cent jump in population since 1990, he certainly isn't seeing a shortage of available rentals.

He suspects condominiums may have filled that gap in the

market, both with former renters purchasing condos, and with people renting them out as investments.

He said in the early 1990s, the trend of building purpose-built rental apartments really dropped off as condominiums took off. What's more, many existing apartments were converted into condos.

According to data from the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp., purpose-built apartments dropped from about 50,000 in the early 1990s to about 36,000 today.

In the same time, the city added about 54,000 condominium units, and around 17,000 to

18,000 of those are rented out.

"Given the fact that the city has increased in size, it's reasonable to make the assumption that we have more units in the city now, and there's more housing being rented out," said Baxter.

Kneebone said the data does look at purpose-built rentals, and does not take into account condo rentals. However, he noted all four cities have seen a huge jump in condo builds. Only Calgary has seen such a significant drop in purpose-built rentals.

He adds it is low-income renters who are really losing out in this trend.

## LEGAL BILL

## Nenshi's fundraiser nearing the home stretch

Helen Pike  
Metro | Calgary

He was hoping there wouldn't be any attention on his five-man team before the fundraising was through.

But the same week a curious Coun. Sean Chu asked Mayor Naheed Nenshi how his legal bill fundraiser was going, Dean Koeller is laying it all out for the public to see.

So far, \$207,500 of the mayor's nearly \$300,000 bill has been scraped together through a variety of networking events.

The committee was struck in November 2016 to help his worship with his legal fees, which he incurred battling a defamation suit he was slapped with by Calvin Wenzel, which is now settled.

Koeller chairs a group that includes Colin Jackson, Karam Ali Talakshi, David Laycock, and Irhan Rawji.

"What really bothered me was the fact that this was a personal attack that would be a financial burden to the mayor," Koeller said.

Koeller said he has no political aspirations, but felt the need to protect the city's leader, whether it was the mayor or any other councillor.

With instructions from the ethics adviser, his group is allowed to solicit donations up to \$10,000 per donor because the cash is going into the city's coffers to support programs and services.

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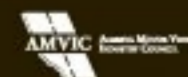
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# City's open flood map policy

## NATURAL DISASTERS

**Showing data a problem for most areas but not in Calgary**



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Images of recent flooding in Quebec, Ontario, and now Kelowna might be all-too-familiar for Calgarians.

In the wake of this year's flooding, the federal government announced earlier this week that it wants Canadians to have better access to flood mapping data. According to documents obtained by the Canadian Press, many municipalities are hesitant to give up that information.

However, Calgary is already leading the country in providing that data to citizens, according to Craig Stewart, vice-president, federal affairs for the Insurance Bureau of Canada.

"Frankly, we don't understand why these municipalities



**An aerial view of a flooded downtown Calgary from June 22, 2013. The city leads the country in its willingness to release flood map data to the public.** THE CANADIAN PRESS/JONATHAN HAYWARD

across the rest of the county have this view that somehow people need to be kept in the dark," he said.

Stewart noted insurance companies already have their own flood mapping data and models.

"The fact that homeowners have (the maps) equips them to have the proper conversation with their insurance agent,

and it equips them to protect themselves," he said. "So it's a positive thing."

Frank Frigo, leader of watershed analysis with water resources at the City of Calgary, said with so many new Calgarians coming to the city each year, it's important that people understand the risks.

"We are a major city at the confluence of two flash-

ing mountain rivers, and that means the degree of risk is very high," said Frigo.

He said unlike prairie cities, Calgary has much less warning time for floods — sometimes 12 to 24 hours.

Flood maps help inform where and how Calgarians can build. Frigo said in newer communities, better building standards help protect, while

**"We don't understand why these municipalities across the rest of the country have this view that somehow people need to be kept in the dark."**

Craig Stewart

in older communities, flood mitigation engineering projects will help protect those into the future.

He said overall, the information the city has provided has not hurt home values or people's ability to get insurance. Stewart agrees that fears of properties being devalued is misguided.

"There's no evidence that there's an effect on home prices as a result of these maps being online," he said. "In fact, the BC Real Estate Association has been exploring making the data available as part of the MLS data on house listings."

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## VOLLEYBALL

# Missing tractor reward



**Lucie Edwardson**  
Metro | Calgary

The Calgary Beach Volleyball Association (CBVA) is offering a \$1,000 reward for the return of its prized tractor that was stolen Wednesday night.

According to Rhonda McLeod, spokeswoman for CBVA, the tractor — a red Kubota — and a truck trailer were taken from her family's lot in the Foothills industrial area on 61 Ave and 30 Street SE.

McLeod said all they know is that it was stolen between 6 p.m. and midnight on Wednesday — they know this because their neighbour was there at 6 and returned at midnight to find the lock cut. She said the tractor is used to level sand, and was bought two years ago after significant fundraising.

"It was a significant investment for us. It's really heartbreaking for our volunteers," she said. If the trailer were to miraculously reappear tonight, McLeod said CBVA would be ecstatic.



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Are elite private schools sucking up funds that could help make public education better for Alberta kids?

Progress Alberta, Save Our Students (SOS) Alberta, and a group of unions backing their campaign to defund private schools think so.

Duncan Kinney, executive director of Progress Alberta (PA), said at a time when the budget is tight in Alberta, we need to find efficiencies in our education system.

He said it's their belief that by defunding elite private schools that charge roughly \$10,000 a year in tuition would free up \$30 million annually to go towards making sure no student goes to school hungry, reducing class sizes and improving special education programs.

Kinney said they aren't trying to shut down private schools.

"Private schools should be private at the end of the day. If you want to send your kids to a private school we're not saying you can't. By all means, fill your boots," he said.

Kinney said in Ontario, private schools are more widely attended and go totally unfunded by the province, whereas here in Alberta private schools are the most highly subsidized private school system in Canada.

Jason Kenney, leader of the Alberta Progressive Conservative party, said despite claims by PA and SOS that they're independent groups, he believes they're acting as an NDP affiliated special interest group.

Kenney calls this rational economic behaviour.

"They don't want a competitive market place. They want a monopoly for state-run schools — a cookie-cutter approach to education — and I think it's profoundly un-Canadian."

Kenney said Canadians value pluralism, multicultur-



**Private schools should be private at the end of the day**

Duncan Kinney

ism, freedom and choice over this concept.

As for PA and SOS's campaign to defund private schools? Kenney said it's "well-organized and aggressive."

"I'm certain that it's happening with the passive approval of the NDP," he said. "The NDP has been clear about their desire to end school choice and almost all of these groups have direct personal and institutional ties to the NDP."

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Duncan Kinney  
TWITTER



Jason Kenney  
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Kim and Alanna Degagne took a helicopter tour of Pearl Harbor while on vacation in Hawaii. CONTRIBUTED

## Couple thanks city for dream vacation

## GIFT

### Calgarians rally around woman with rare cancer

Elizabeth Cameron  
For Metro | Calgary

For two weeks, it was just Kim DeGagne, his wife, Alanna, and the beach.

Last fall, Calgarians rallied around DeGagne, who has been battling an incurable blood and bone cancer for three years, when his Christmas tree business needed a boost.

The response to a Facebook

post asking people to help the former dance instructor out by purchasing a tree from his lot snowballed into a dream trip to Hawaii — something he desperately wanted to experience with Alanna while he still could.

"I don't have everybody's names but the people know who they are, that helped us get there, and I'd just like to thank them all from the bottom of my heart and my wife's heart," DeGagne told Metro. "It was such a heart-felt gift to give somebody, and I'm just very appreciative it was myself and my wife that received it."

His doctor made him promise to relax on the trip, so the couple spent their time walking for several miles along the beach everyday, looking for turtles, and did some snorkelling.

But DeGagne said the highlight of the trip was renewing their wedding vows on a Maui beach.

"It's something I wanted to do to reiterate our love for each other," DeGagne said. "The fellow that did the renewals had tears in his eyes, and he told us he could just feel the love we had for each other — it was pretty cool."

They enjoyed a traditional luau afterwards and took in the Hawaii sunset.

"It was beautiful," DeGagne said. "There was a calmness over everybody — it made you glad you were where you were."

He said he sees a real difference in Alanna since they have returned to Calgary.

She works full-time to support them and was feeling a lot



Kim and Alanna Degagne  
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of stress before the trip.

"She was just relaxed the whole time," DeGagne said. "It was every bit as good for her as it was for me."

DeGagne said "God willing" they'll go back in 2019.

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During this Used Vehicle Clear Out Sale every used car and truck will be sold with discounts from 10% up to 50% off the original asking price. Our customers will find these prices thousands of dollars lower than our competition and even lower than the auctions." Mr. Holst Said. Auction bidding often inflates the true value of a vehicle so you pay more. Here every car and truck is on sale up to 50% off, first come first served and no bidding.

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"Since we are a local business we would like to give back to the community we are in," Mr. Holst said. "We would rather allow local people to buy these overstocked vehicles than have to wholesale them at an auction."

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**Due to the volume of sales during this event, please no telephone inquiries.**



**Dr. Catherine Lebel** used an MRI to test the brains of children and found that there is a visible change in the grey matter between children whose mothers experienced depression during pregnancy and those who didn't. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

## Study reveals 'whole new line of research'

### MENTAL HEALTH

### Depression in pregnant women shown to change children's brains



**Elizabeth Cameron**  
For Metro | Calgary

Researchers at the University of Calgary (U of C) have discovered that when a mother experiences depression during pregnancy, as well as postpartum, it can cause a child's brain to physically change.

Dr. Catherine Lebel, assistant professor at the U of C's department of radiology, authored a study outlining a correlation between premature brain development in children with mothers who experience depression during both pregnancy or the postpartum period.

"We know from other studies that mom's mental health is related to kid's behaviour and the kid's mental health ... ours was the first study to look at this preschool age range and also the first to look at maternal mental health in that early postpartum

period, as it relates to brain structure," Lebel told Metro.

"What we saw is essentially what looks like a more mature brain in the kids whose moms had worse depressive symptoms, so to us, that suggests pre-mature development in these kids, which is not optimal."

Those children are more likely to develop mental-health problems, have trouble relating to others and struggle in school compared to children whose mothers did not experience depression, according to the study.

Dr. Frank MacMaster, scientific director for the strategic clinical network for addictions and mental health in Alberta, called it a "landmark" study.

"We've known for a while that the environment that you grow up in really affects how your brain ends up developing — this work really emphasizes the importance of making sure we don't dismiss postpartum depression and we take into account not only how it's affecting the mother, but also the child," MacMaster said.

He said there's still a lot of shame and stigma around mental illness in general, but especially when it comes to prepartum

# 18%

18% of women experience depression at one point during their pregnancy and 13% experience postpartum depression, according to the University of Calgary.

and postpartum depression.

"Studies like this that talk about the biological aspects of (mental illness) really frame it as a true illness — which it is," MacMaster said.

Lebel said she hopes screening for depression during pregnancy will become more mainstream, instead of only after the child is born, as is typical now.

MacMaster, who has a background in pediatric mental health, agreed.

"This opens up a whole new line of research and clinical questions," MacMaster said.

"Hopefully this encourages clinicians to ask about (depressive symptoms) and hopefully encourages families, new moms and pregnant women to report problems they might be having in regards to depression."

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# Calgary wants a new arena



Calgary Flames CEO Ken King has said he's meeting regularly with the city to discuss a possible arena in Victoria Park. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## POLL

### Councillor says citizens want to see a return for their money



**Helen Pike**  
Metro | Calgary

Half of Calgarians want a new arena and only one-in-five believe the Saddledome meets the city's needs, according to a new poll.

On Thursday, councillors released survey results hoping their research could calm the otherwise divisive Calgary-NEXT — and now Victoria Park — arena debate.

A large number of respondents were undecided, and others want details before making a concrete decision.

According to the Mainstreet Research survey, commissioned by Coun. Shane Keating and eight of his colleagues, Calgarians are pretty divided on how the city should help pay for an arena.

Sixty per cent of respondents would back city-supported construction — if it wouldn't have an impact on property taxes.

"It does say in many cases that there's an appetite for public investment," said Keating. "As long as there's some methodology in recouping that investment to some degree."

Keating said the survey doesn't tell councillors how to actually go about doing that, though in his mind there are several options.

But one question the group of councillors didn't ask was: Should public funds be used in a new arena build?



**As long as there's some methodology in recouping that investment.**

Coun. Shane Keating

That's something Mayor Naheed Nenshi, who wasn't asked to participate in the study, faulted the group for.

"I think everybody's pro deal, but the question is for how much," said Nenshi. "I could quibble about the methodology and the questions, but that said, I think it just highlights what I've been saying for months and months."

According to Coun. Diane Colley-Urquhart, in the next few weeks the deal will "be on the table" for the public to see, with hard numbers if administration and the Calgary Sports and Entertainment Corporation can come to an agreement.

"It may very well prompt or spawn another survey," said Colley-Urquhart.

Coun. Ward Sutherland said council has set out minimum and maximum parameters for the negotiations.

"There is appetite and the survey shows people are willing to look at this ... if the deal is right for Calgarians," said Sutherland. "We want a win-win situation here. It's not one party against the other; it's how to get an outcome both parties can live with."

The survey is a random sample of 5,061 Calgarians, reached over cellphone and landlines from April 24 to 26. Respondents were screened to confirm residency. Responses are statistically weighted using demographic information based on the 2016 census. Quotas were set for specific wards. The margin of error varies between plus or minus four per cent to six per cent. For details, visit [mainstreetresearch.ca](http://mainstreetresearch.ca).

# 60%

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# School boards react to 13 Reasons Why

## SUPPORT

### Help available for students with mental health issues



**Lucie Edwardson**  
Metro | Calgary

Calgary school boards want students, parents and families to know that there are supports for them within their schools systems when mental health and behavioural issues arise.

In recent months concerns have been raised by school boards across North America in response to the Netflix series 13 Reasons Why, because of what some call a troubling depiction of mental health issues and suicide.

Some school boards have even banned the series from being talked about at school.

Last month, both the Calgary Board of Education (CBE) and Calgary Catholic School District (CCSD) told Metro they hadn't banned the series from being talked about at their schools and that they wanted students to feel comfortable speaking about things that are troubling them.

So, who can these kids, parent and families lean on?

#### CBE

The CBE said with learning as the central purpose, school environments need to address the academic, social and emotional needs of all their students.

Christine Davies, director of learning in the service unit (mental health, critical incidents, etc.), said within the CBE they have 29 counselling psychologists available for schools, as well as five additional counselling psychologists that support their specialized classes.

To access counselling psychologists, Davies said all CBE schools have a "school learn-

ing team." She said if teachers or parents have concerns about a kid, teachers will meet with the team and decide what supports are needed for that child.

Davies said parents are always included in the process.

Each high school within the CBE also has guidance counsellors that are available to help students, staff and parents.

Davies said students can also make an appointment, or might be prompted by a staff member. She added that the CBE regularly refers parents to outside agencies when kids present with mental health concerns.

#### CCSD

Karen Rhyhochuk, spokeswoman for CCSD, said all their senior and junior high schools have counsellors equipped to deal with sensitive topics such as suicide and suicide prevention.

"We don't quantify how often they are utilized because their door is always open," she said. "It's an essential part of creating

a safe environment."

She said the process for getting a counsellor involved depends on circumstances. It may be a teacher who refers a student, or sometimes a student seeks out the counsellor.

Rhyhochuk said mental wellness has been a huge focus for CCSD over the last few years, and because of that they introduced the Go-To-Educator program, created by Stan Kutcher, a psychiatrist and lead expert in adolescent mental health.

She said each CCSD school has three Go-To-Educators.

"These educators can look for stressors such as depression, anxiety and suicide — and other sensitive issues," she said.

Grade 9 health teachers are also trained in the Go-To model and it's incorporated into the curriculum for students.

"They would look at proactive strategies for students to better cope with things like anxiety, depression and stress," said Rhyhochuk.



The new Netflix series 13 Reasons Why has been causing a stir at schools as students discuss its depiction of suicide and mental health issues. Calgary school boards want students to know there are supports available. BETH DUBBER/NETFLIX VIA AP



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# Dead things on set of Macbeth

THEATRE

## Designer Loosen sets an immersive stage



**Aaron Chatha**  
Metro | Calgary

In order for the talented cast of *Macbeth* to inhabit Shakespeare's world, someone has to create that world in the first place.

Enter Hanne Loosen, stage left.

Loosen, an experienced designer, was given the ambitious task of creating the haunting set for the play last year. The entire play was such a success that she's rebuilding that world for the remount this year.



Hanne Loosen sits among dead trees, chopped down more than a year ago, on the set of *Macbeth*. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

### Setting the stage

One of the most important decisions was to lay the stage out in a thrust — meaning the audience members are placed on three sides of the stage, with

the majority of the action taking place in the middle.

Loosen wanted to bend the fourth wall a little with the layout. As soon as you enter, you're already stepping on a

cobblestone path, with trees a solemn street lamp to your side. Audiences members have to walk across the actual set to find their seats. As they reach the middle of the stage, the

cobblestones suddenly change direction. It's not a big thing, but just a little change in how the floor is arranged makes it feel uncomfortable.

"It gives it a bit of a surreal

look," Loosen explained. "It's realistic but absurd — I mean, we have trees in the pavement."

The trees are really cool. Last year, the crew chopped down living trees to be part of the set.

"They were still fresh, so some people had (minor) allergic reaction," she explained. "Now they've been stored all winter, and they're really dead. So no allergic reactions."

Instead the gnarled trees just add to the spooky atmosphere — death is literally all around you as the play starts, and if you've read *Macbeth*, you know there's a lot more to come.

Loosen played fast and loose with the authenticity of the era. The play takes place across 25 different locations, mostly castles and battlefields, but her influences were closer to older London street view, with wet cobblestones and copious amounts of fog that give it a film noir look.

Even the actors wear black tunnel scarves, to quickly disappear into the set (and off stage) after large battle scenes.

Loosen has created an immersive world that breathes, heaves and scares all on its own — and that's before a single witch steps on stage.

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The puppies have names!

The RCMP Police Dog Service Training Centre in Alberta received close to 21,000 entries in their contest to name the first 13 German shepherd puppies to be born at the centre this year.

All names had to start with the letter K. For multiple entries of the same name, a draw determined the winning entry.

The names are: Koda, Kai, Kullu, Kage, Kammo, Kato, Kayla, Kazoo, Kate, Kaos, Kaya, Knight and Karma.

The 13 winners — one from each province and territory — will each receive an eight-by-10-inch laminated photo of the puppy they named, a plush dog called Justice and an official RCMP baseball cap.

"Thank you to everyone who entered the contest during this very special year in which we celebrate the 150th anniversary of Canada," said Insp. Akrum Ghadban, the officer in charge of the dog training centre.

RCMP police service dog

teams search for missing or lost people, track and apprehend criminals, remove illicit drugs from the streets, detect explosives and search for evidence used in crimes.

The training centre in Innisfail is where all RCMP police dog teams in Canada are trained.

Ninety-four per cent of the German shepherds working today as RCMP service dogs were born at the centre as RCMP's police dog breeding program.

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RCMP puppy Kaos

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Moe Rachid tries to make energy and environmental education a part of everyday activities for his students.

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## Teacher honoured with award

ENVIRONMENT

### Moe Rachid named Energy Educator of the Year



Lucie Edwardson  
Metro | Calgary

A Calgary teacher is being honoured for his ongoing commitment to environmental education with the 2017 Energy Educator of the Year.

The award is presented by Canadian Geographic and is given out annually as a part of the Classroom Energy Diet Challenge, an award-winning education program and funded by Shell Canada, to improve energy literacy among Canadian students.

Moe Rachid teaches grades 5 and 6 at O. S. Geiger School. Between Jan. 30 and April 26, his class, along with thousands of teachers across the country, participated in the challenge — guiding more than 32,000 students through an array of energy-saving classroom challenges.

"It's probably every teacher's

dream to be successful and hit those milestones with their students. I was extremely thrilled for sure," he said.

Rachid was nominated by his colleagues for his dynamic approach to teaching environmental science and helping his students to become energy ambassadors at their school.

"He's done a fantastic job in educating students and staff members about the importance of curbing energy consumption and making smarter and more environmentally friendly choices in our daily lives," said Sarah Drake, a Grade 5/6 teacher at the school.

She said Rachid and his students have raised this awareness through sharing their work on the walls of the school, classroom presentations and daily announcements.

"The work they have done has definitely increased school community awareness about energy consumption and reducing energy use," said Drake.

Rachid said it's refreshing to know the teaching and learning doesn't end where the lesson does.

"It's good to see the students are applying their learning to real life situations," he said.

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### WHAT IS A NAGAR KIRTAN?

Sikh communities celebrate festivals by holding public processions and sharing their joy with other communities.

**Nagar** = town

**Kirtan** = singing of spiritual hymns

Nagar Kirtans stems from 'Parbhaat Pheri' in Punjab when Sikhs would wake up before dawn and join in groups to sing Gods praises on the way to the Gurdwaras.

#### DID YOU KNOW?

Nagar Kirtans are led by the Sikh scriptural Guru Sri Guru Granth Sahib ji, and Five Khalsa representing the spirit and body of the Guru.

#### WHY SING KIRTAN?

All of Guru's writings are in poetry. Singing these divine songs of love lets us see through Guru's enlightened eyes. We sing in groups as this is the fastest way to experience and fall in love with God. This is when our spiritual life begins. Deep down, our soul loves and thirsts for God. Temporarily, the world might distract us from this thirst but, without this divine experience, we remain unfulfilled.

#### WHY ALL THE FREE FOOD (LANGAR)?

This is a form of selfless service (seva) that was actually instituted by Guru Nanak Dev Ji, the 1st Guru. All Gurdwaras must Serve Free Langar to all visitors regardless of race, religion or social status. It has 3 main reasons:

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### WHAT IS THE #SikhVaisakhi?

Sikhs celebrate Vaisakhi as the Birth of the Khalsa not as the Sikh new year or a harvest festival.

#### WHAT IS THE KHALSA?

The Khalsa is a collective of committed Sikhs (male or female) who are the leaders and protectors of the Sikhs. The Khalsa was created to fight oppression and uphold freedom and basic needs (food, clothing, health and education) for all people. Every Sikh should aim to join the Khalsa one day.

#### HOW WAS THE KHALSA CREATED?

In April 1699, the 10th Guru tested the Sikhs by asking for volunteers to sacrifice themselves. The first five who stepped forward, proved their devotion and formed the first Khalsa (Punj Piare). Anyone can join the Khalsa through an initiation ceremony which is carried out by five exemplary members of the Khalsa.

#### DID YOU KNOW?

The Punj Piare names give the ideal Khalsa qualities. When we have empathy (Daya) for others, we can give them justice (Dharam), but this requires courage (Himmat) to face up to evil-doers and commitment (Mohkam) to keep going through tough times, until the Khalsa is sovereign (Sahib).

#### WHY LOOK DIFFERENT?

Guruji gave Khalsa a distinct form so people could ask them for help. The Khalsa is always be armed with a Kirpan (sworn) and has royal surnames, Singh for men and Kaur for women. The Turban worn by Khalsa reflects their sovereign nature.



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Heather Blush and Steve Hazlett found a joy performing for kids as Rattle and Strum. AARON CHATHA

# Kids concerts far from child's play

FESTIVAL

## Duo Rattle and Strum savour playing for the toughest crowd



**Aaron Chatha**  
Metro | Calgary

Calgarians Heather Blush and Steve Hazlett have made a career performing for the world's fussiest audience: your kids.

"Kids are a tough audience, because they tell you exactly what they think," Blush laughed. "There's no polite, 'oh yeah, that was good, very nice.' If they don't like you, they tell you, 'oh, no, that's not my style.'"

Together, Blush and Hazlett are Rattle and Strum, one of the headliners at this year's Calgary International Children's Festival.

The duo, who also perform in the 'adult' band Heather

Blush and the Uppercuts, have been doing kids music since 2011.

Their brand is silly, fun and interactive.

"I worked at daycares with children for a long time, and I realized to keep kids' attention spans, you can't sing long, rambling songs," explained Blush, who is also a trained music therapist. "You have to sing short ones, or have something for them to do in them. A lot of songs we have involve dancing or some really silly stuff."

Song topics include space-ships, snearkaroo, and a song about getting peanut butter on your hands, face, hair, ceiling — everywhere but the mouth, really.



**Kids are tough. They tell you exactly what they think.**

Heather Blush

The duo regularly programs special shows for kids, including a recent one with 100 Grade 2s and 3s, all playing basedrums together.

"It was pretty amazing for energy," Hazlett said.

They've also played the occasional oddly programmed Folk Fest, like the one time they performed at the exact same slot as Sonic and alternative rock bands Wilco and Cake.

"It was their first time having a children's stage, and for some reason they scheduled us to play a show at 7 at night, in September, so it was actually dark by then," Blush recalled. "People were walking between the two main stages of these two headliners."

"But we weren't playing a lot of children's music, because at that point, there weren't a lot of actual children around."

Catch Rattle and Strum during the Calgary International Children's Festival, May 24 to 27. Visit [www.calgarykidsfest.ca](http://www.calgarykidsfest.ca) for more information.

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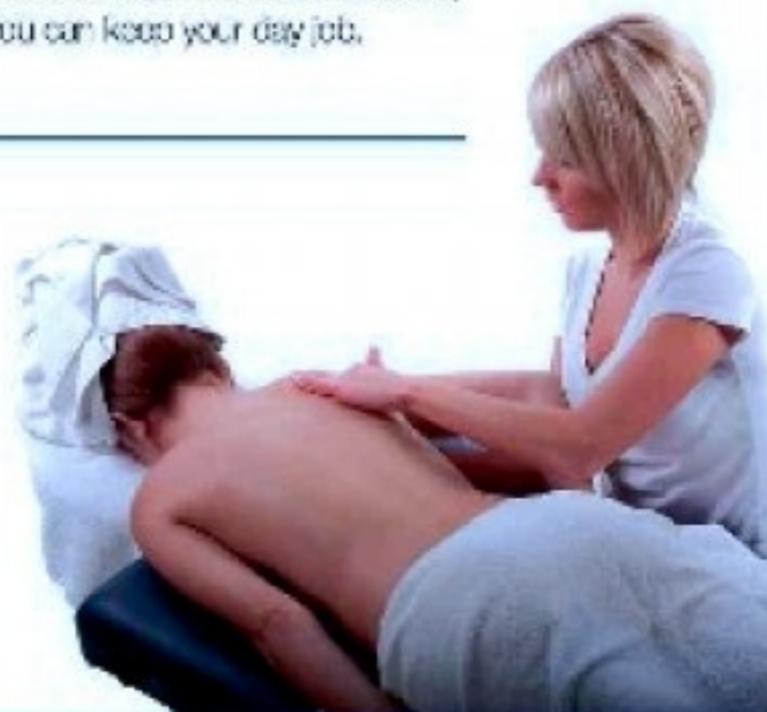
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## WEEKEND EVENTS

## Arabian film, jazz hijinks and treats for mom

## Friday — Calgary Arab Film Nights

The annual Arab Nights Film Festival, presented by Calgary Arab art and Culture, hopes to provide an alternative view of Arab life with a range of films, all of which will be in English or include English subtitles. This year's movies include Tickling Giants, Things Arab Men Say and Yallah!

For more information, visit [calgaryarabartsociety.ca](http://calgaryarabartsociety.ca)

## Saturday — Cirque de Paris

A circus performance set to the soundtrack of vintage jazz and blues music at Fort Calgary's historic Burnwest Theatre. The show will feature lion tamers, strong women, chorus girl routines and more — along with a cash bar and access to the Fort Calgary museum.

For more information, search the event on [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com)

## Saturday — Horde at the Hive

Travel back in time to learn first-hand about Norse culture in Okotoks. The Viking Village, fun for families, will feature epic displays of live-action battles between Vikings — and kids can take part in the mock battles too. There will also be a crafters market, with pottery, games, textiles and more.

The event runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Chinook Honey Company.

## Sunday — Mother's Day Brunch

Celebrate mom with a mid-day meal. Just a few cool spots offering Mother's Day brunches this year include: the Fairmont Banff Springs, Deane House, Calgary Zoo, Craft Beer Market, Carriage House Inn, Rosebud Theatre, Vin Room and Win-sport. AARON CHATHA/METRO



Neon Dreams, based in Halifax, will perform at the Calgary Stampede this year with the Chainsmokers. CONTRIBUTED

# Living out all of their Dreams

## SCENE YYC

## Halifax group have had a year to remember... but want more



Aaron Chatha  
Metro | Calgary

Halifax-based Neon Dreams is having a huge year. They've been funded by MuchFact, they won the Canadian Radio Music Award for best new group, and they performed their single Marching Bands (with Kardinal Offishall) at this year's Juno gala.

Their current tour will take them through Calgary during the Stampede, where they'll open for music heavyweights, the Chainsmokers.

### It's been an awesome 2017 so far, how great does this Canadian support feel?

You know what? This year was a mind-blowing year. After the success we had with Marching Bands — coming out the gate with that single and not having too high expectations, and seeing everything it did for us.

There's a lot of people that really believe in our project now, and I think that really reflects in how Canada's taking us.

Everything we've done thus far feels like it builds to a bigger step.

### What inspires your songwriting process?

It's crazy, because all of us come from completely different worlds of music, and I think that's why when we write we have such chemistry.

A track can start from anywhere from a guitar riff or just a beat we're working on. It can start from any different way, not traditional like when bands were jamming out tracks and see what comes out.

### You're opening for the Chainsmokers at the Stampede — what can we expect from the live show?

We have a really high-energy live show, and it's something a little different. We wanted to blend DJ aspects with a band and have a consistent vocalist, so you can expect something new and something different for electronic and pop, as well as a lot of high energy and a lot of fun.

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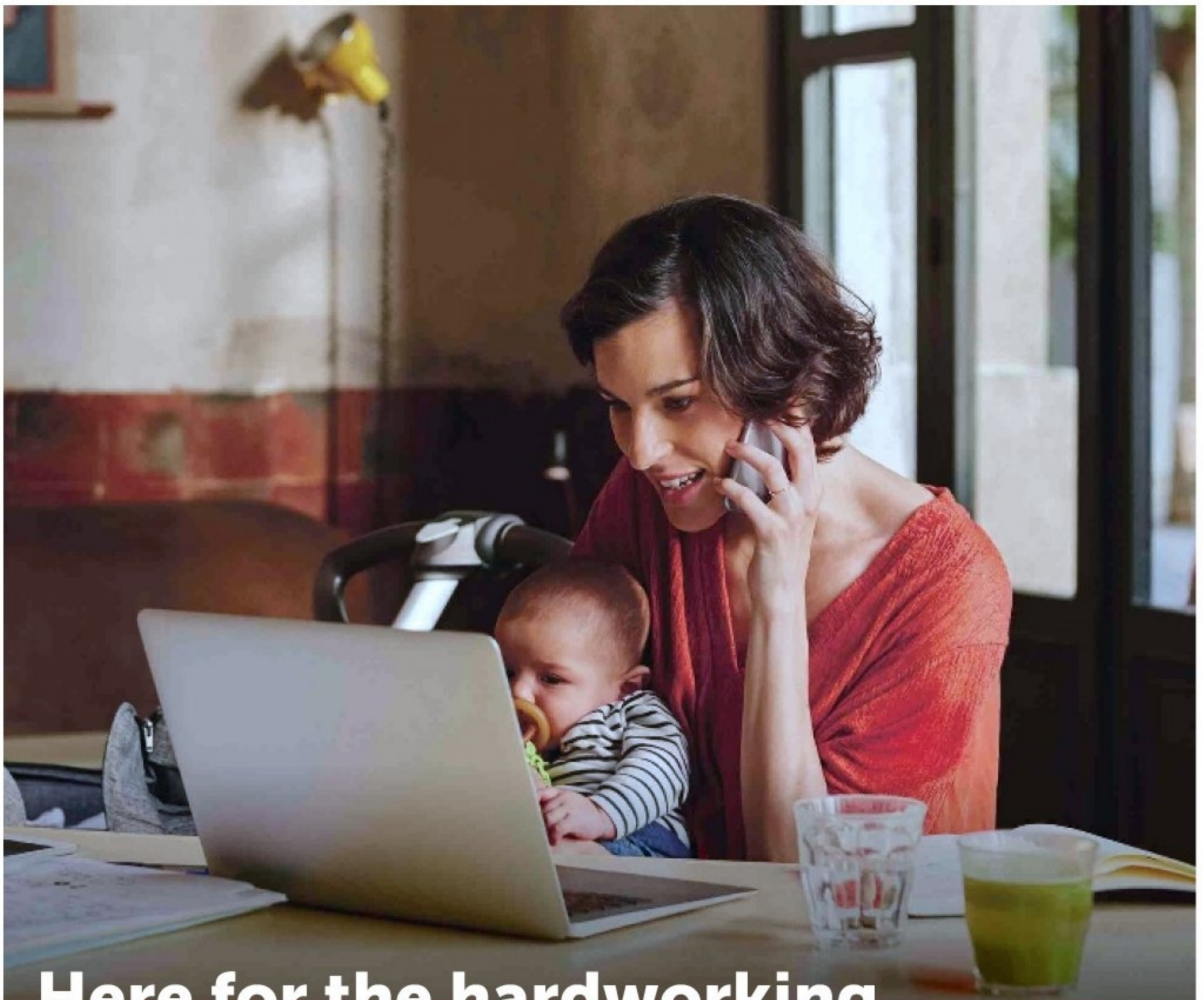
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# IS IT TOO MUCH OF A GOOD THING?

**Roberta Segar**



This is a sensitive topic but I'll just come out and say it. This article is about vaginas. If you do not want to read about vaginas please quit reading now. Specifically this article is going to explain a treatment that can tighten vaginas. I think most people, either male or female, would agree that this is a good thing. I need to start by talking about vaginal anatomy.

The vaginal region is extremely complex, so to simplify it let's imagine a hand towel, wrapped around a thick sock and squeezed by two hands. The hands represent the pelvic floor muscles that surround the vagina. The towel represents the vaginal muscles. The sock is the mucosa membrane that lines the inside of the vagina. It consists of an epithelium and an underlying layer of connective tissue known as the lamina propria. The muscles can be strengthened with Kegel exercises, but Kegels can

do nothing for the sock. The integrity of the sock can be strengthened with a treatment known as IntimaLase.

IntimaLase is a simple, non-surgical laser treatment that causes restructuring and regrowth of collagen. The result is thickening and tightening of the vaginal walls. The treatment is a walk-in, walk-out procedure that takes about 30 minutes to perform. It is also relatively comfortable. No pain medications are required. After the procedure patients can leave and carry on with their daily routines with few restrictions. The result is enhanced pleasure during intimate relations due to increased friction.

The treatment can be modified to also help women who suffer from a common condition known as Stress Urinary Incontinence. In addition to treating the entire circumference of the vagina, additional passes with the laser target the anterior wall of the vagina to strengthen the urethra. The key to success with IncontiLase is patient selection. Women

who leak urine 1 to 4 times per week are generally candidates while those who leak several times a day may only hope for a degree of improvement. I think women who are prone to involuntarily pee a little would agree that being dry or dryer is a good thing!

## It's too, too, too Good!

Modify the treatment again and direct the energy to the mucosa membrane inside the mouth and this remarkable treatment can also reduce or eliminate snoring. This treatment is known as NightLase. I think we can agree on this too! Getting a good night's sleep is also a good thing!

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Quebec Premier Philippe Couillard and Gatineau MP Steve McKinnon look on as PM Justin Trudeau speaks to media after a tour of a flooded area of Gatineau, Que. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Brace for disasters more often: PM

## CLIMATE CHANGE

## Canada needs to build to be more 'resilient,' Trudeau says

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau is sounding the alarm on the frequency and intensity of natural disasters in Canada, which have pushed Ottawa's bills for federal help to \$360 million a year since 2011.

The numbers clearly suggest a dramatic escalation in the frequency and severity of natural calamities, a theme Trudeau echoed Thursday after embarking on a helicopter tour of flood-ravaged western Quebec.

"We're going to have to understand that bracing for a hundred-year storm is maybe

going to happen every 10 years now or every few years," the prime minister said after his helicopter tour with Quebec Premier Philippe Couillard. "That means as we look to rebuild our communities, our homes, our infrastructures, we're going to have to think about what we can do to rebuild better, to rebuild in ways that are going to be more resistant, more resilient to the unpredictability we are now

living."

Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale also said Canadians will have to get used to climate change-fuelled disasters, and quickly — including by planning buildings and communities to minimize the risk of damage in the first place.

"The objective should be, rather than expecting to spend so much after the fact cleaning up, we should look for all of those opportunities to invest in mitigation and adaptation before the fact so that the losses will be minimized," Goodale said.

Since the Disaster Financial Assistance Arrangements program was launched in 1970, it has handed over \$4.1 billion to the provinces to help foot the recovery bill in the wake of 240 storms, fires, and spring floods.

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## ELECTION 2019

# Canadian spies look for election 'vulnerabilities'

The Communications Security Establishment has begun a promised review into the risks of foreign interference in the 2019 election, Torstar has learned.

CSE, Canada's signals intelligence and cyberdefence agency, is conducting a "risk assessment" into how vulnerable Canadian elections are to foreign hacking and information operations.

The Liberal ordered the review as the scope of Russian meddling in the 2016 U.S. presidential election was being made

public by American intelligence agencies.

"CSE has been asked to provide a threat assessment of the cyber threat environment as it relates to the Canadian democratic process, including the electoral system," said Ryan Foreman, a spokesman for CSE.

In the U.S. and French presidential elections, Russian-backed hackers have been accused of releasing damaging information about candidates in support of rivals friendlier to the Kremlin.

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Justin Trudeau says David Vigneault, a senior official with experience at several federal security agencies, will be the next head of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service. Vigneault will assume the post June 19.



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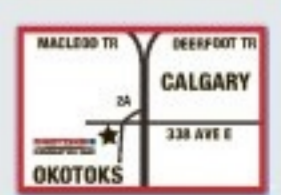
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## TRADE

## China's 'new Silk Road' in Kashmir stirs unease

In a mountain valley in Kashmir, plans are underway for Chinese engineers guarded by Pakistani forces to expand the lofty Karakoram Highway in a project that is stirring diplomatic friction with India.

The work is part of a Chinese initiative to build a "new Silk Road" of ports, railways and roads to expand trade in a vast arc of countries across Asia, Africa and Europe. The initiative is

in many ways natural for China, the world's biggest trader. But governments from Washington to Moscow to New Delhi worry Beijing also is trying to build its own political influence and erode theirs. India is unhappy Chinese state-owned companies are working in the Pakistani-held part of Kashmir, the Himalayan region claimed by both sides. Indian leaders see that as endorsing Pakistani control. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## GERMANY

## Merkel rejects calls to bring back conscription

Chancellor Angela Merkel is rejecting calls for the reintroduction of military conscription in response to an investigation of an alleged far-right plot by two soldiers to assassinate prominent political figures.

Merkel's government ended conscription in 2011. A prominent lawmaker in the chancellor's conservative party, Patrick Sensburg, has argued that conscription should be introduced

because citizens in uniform are "a reliable early-warning system to recognize extremism of the left and right."

Merkel said Thursday Germany made a fundamental decision on conscription, "and we should conduct necessary reforms in continuity with this decision." She added that "what the Bundeswehr needs is predictability."

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Democratic Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney, from a neighbouring district, addressed Republican Rep. John Faso's constituents for more than two hours after Faso failed to attend a town-hall style meeting to address health-care questions. GETTY IMAGES

## Health-care vote dogs GOP rookie

## UPSTATE NEW YORK

### 'He promised he would take care of us,' constituent says

The patrons at the cafe next door want him out. A rival congressman has "adopted" his district. And more than a half dozen Democrats are preparing to run against him.

On the job little more than four months, Republican Rep. John Faso is facing a political firestorm in his own upstate New York backyard that threatens to consume his first term in Congress just as it begins.

The cause? He is among 217 Republicans who voted last week for a health-care bill that analysts say would cause 24 million people to lose insurance over the next decade, including tens of thousands of people in his rural district two hours north of New York City. Worse, critics say, the bill weakens protections for people with pre-existing conditions, even after Faso promised to safeguard coverage for such people in an emotional embrace — caught on video — with a seriously ill constituent.

"He hugged me and he promised he would take care of us," said Andrea Mitchell, a 35-year-old mother of two who has suffered multiple strokes and has a benign tumour in her brain.

"Whether or not he intended to lie and deceive his constituents, he did do that," she told

The Associated Press this week. "I don't think there's any chance that Faso will be re-elected."

As a freshman in a swing district, Faso was a top Democratic target even before the health-care fallout. He is now considered one of the most vulnerable Republican incumbents in the nation as the GOP works to navigate the messy politics of an unpopular health-care plan 18 months before the midterm elections.

Faso defiantly defends his vote.

In an interview, he dismissed key findings from the Congressional Budget Office predicting widespread health insurance losses and higher health-care costs for the elderly in some cases, along with overwhelming opposition from independent groups like the American Medical Association and AARP.

Like many of his Republican colleagues, Faso has largely avoided town hall-style meetings with constituents as the health-care debate rages across the country.

He attended a political fundraiser in Albany on Monday night instead of a health-care town hall in his district organized by Democrats that attracted several hundred people.

A congressman from a neighbouring district, Democratic Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney, addressed Faso's constituents for more than two hours.

"Where the heck is your congressman?" Maloney asked before taking several questions about the health-care plan. He added, "He may be upset that I am in his district. But I will just point out that he is not." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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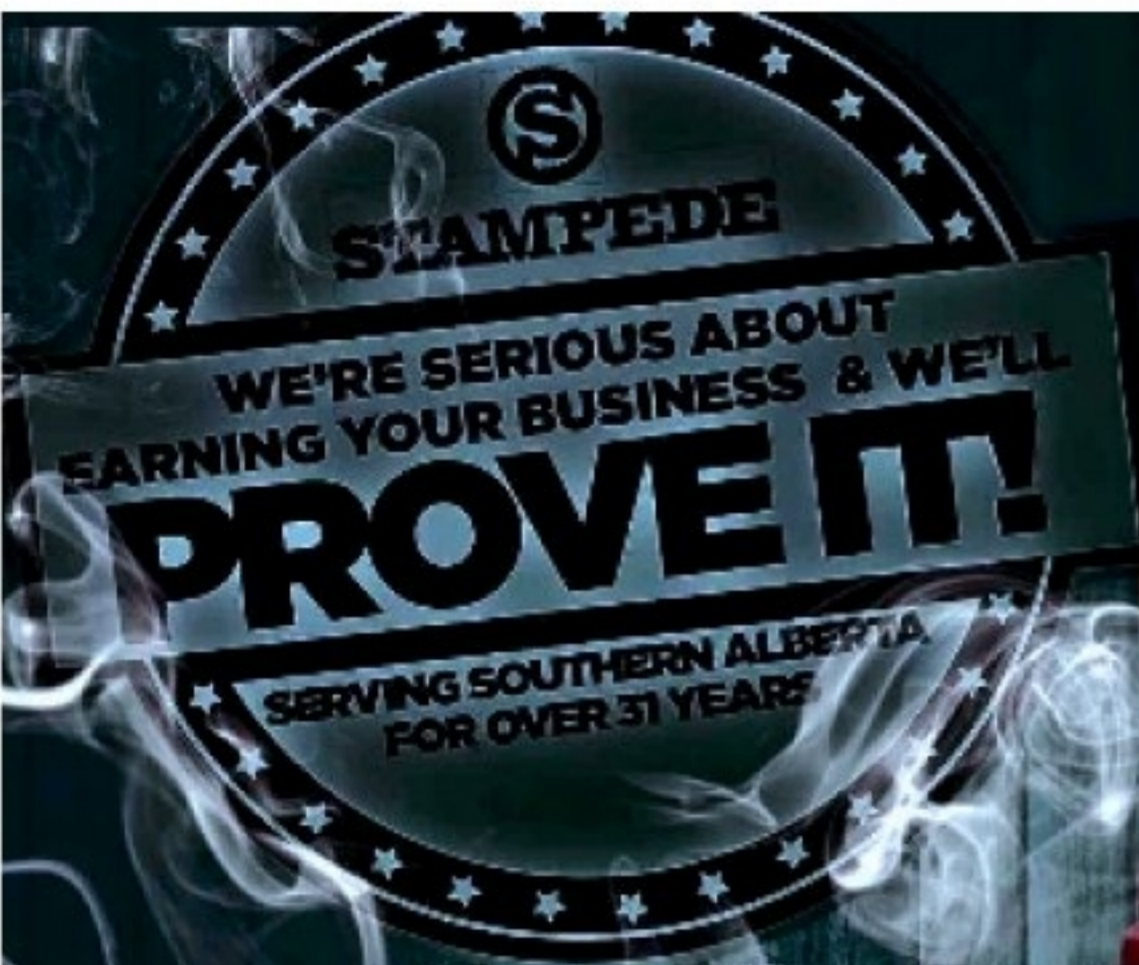
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# Trump changes Comey story

## POLITICS

### U.S. president abandons his rationale for the decision

Over and over, for two days, U.S. President Donald Trump, Vice-President Mike Pence and the rest of their administration said Trump fired FBI director James Comey only at the recommendation of a senior official in the Department of Justice.

Trump conceded Thursday that they were all lying.

Abandoning his entire public rationale for the stunning decision on Tuesday, Trump told NBC anchor Lester Holt that he was planning to fire Comey even before he met with Attorney General Jeff Sessions and Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein.

"He's a showboat, he's a grandstander. The FBI has been in turmoil. You know that, I know that, everybody knows that," Trump told Holt in an interview.

His comments deepen the credibility crisis facing an administration that has made lying a habit. And they further call into question the democratic legitimacy of his decision to terminate the man in charge of an investigation into whether his campaign associates colluded with Russian



U.S. President Donald Trump appears on NBC on Thursday. SCREENGRAB



Former FBI director James Comey. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

meddling in the presidential election.

The administration had implausibly insisted that Trump had grown dismayed about Comey's unfair treatment of Hillary Clinton last year — that he was merely agreeing with the independent concerns Rosenstein expressed to him in a meeting on Monday and in a written memo.

In Trump's own letter to Comey, he said he was "accepting" a recommendation from Rosenstein and Sessions. But Trump gave an entirely different explanation to Holt.

**“He's a showboat, he's a grandstander. The FBI has been in turmoil. You know that, I know that, everybody knows that.”** Donald Trump

"I was going to fire Comey. My decision," he said. "It was not — I was going to fire Comey. There's no good time to do it, by the way."

In another remarkable revelation in the interview — for which there is no current proof — Trump said he asked Comey directly to tell him, if "possible," whether he is under investigation. Comey, he said, told him he is not. Anonymous Comey associates have told U.S. media outlets that Comey never told Trump he was not being investigated.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

## FBI Prying won't be tolerated: Acting boss

On the spot as the FBI's new acting director, Andrew McCabe assured senators Thursday he will alert them to any effort to interfere with the investigation into Russia's election meddling and possible ties with President Donald Trump's campaign.

Trump's firing of FBI director James Comey on Tuesday has led Democrats and others to raise concerns about the future of the investigation. But McCabe, speaking publicly for the first time since his former boss' ouster, said there has been "no effort to impede our investigation."

"You cannot stop the men and women of the FBI from doing the right thing," he said. He also said he would not inform the White House about developments in the probe.

Days before he was fired, Comey requested more resources to pursue his investigation, U.S. officials said, fuelling concerns that Trump was trying to undermine the probe.

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## COMMISSION

### Executive order targets voter fraud

President Donald Trump signed an executive order Thursday launching a commission to review alleged voter fraud and voter suppression, building upon his unsubstantiated claims that millions of people voted illegally in 2016.

The White House said the president's "Advisory Commission on Election Integrity" would examine allegations of improper voting and fraudulent voter registration in states and across the nation. The commission will report back to Trump by 2018.

Trump has alleged, without evidence, that three million to five million people voted illegally in his 2016 election against Democrat Hillary Clinton. He has vowed since the start of his administration to investigate voter fraud. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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### TO: MARK E. ROCHE, CALGARY, ALBERTA

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The Plaintiff's solicitor is Kristine-Marie Mackie of Martin G. Schulz & Associates in Edmonton, Alberta. A copy of the Statement of Claim against you can be obtained from Ms. Mackie by contacting Martin G. Schulz & Associates at:

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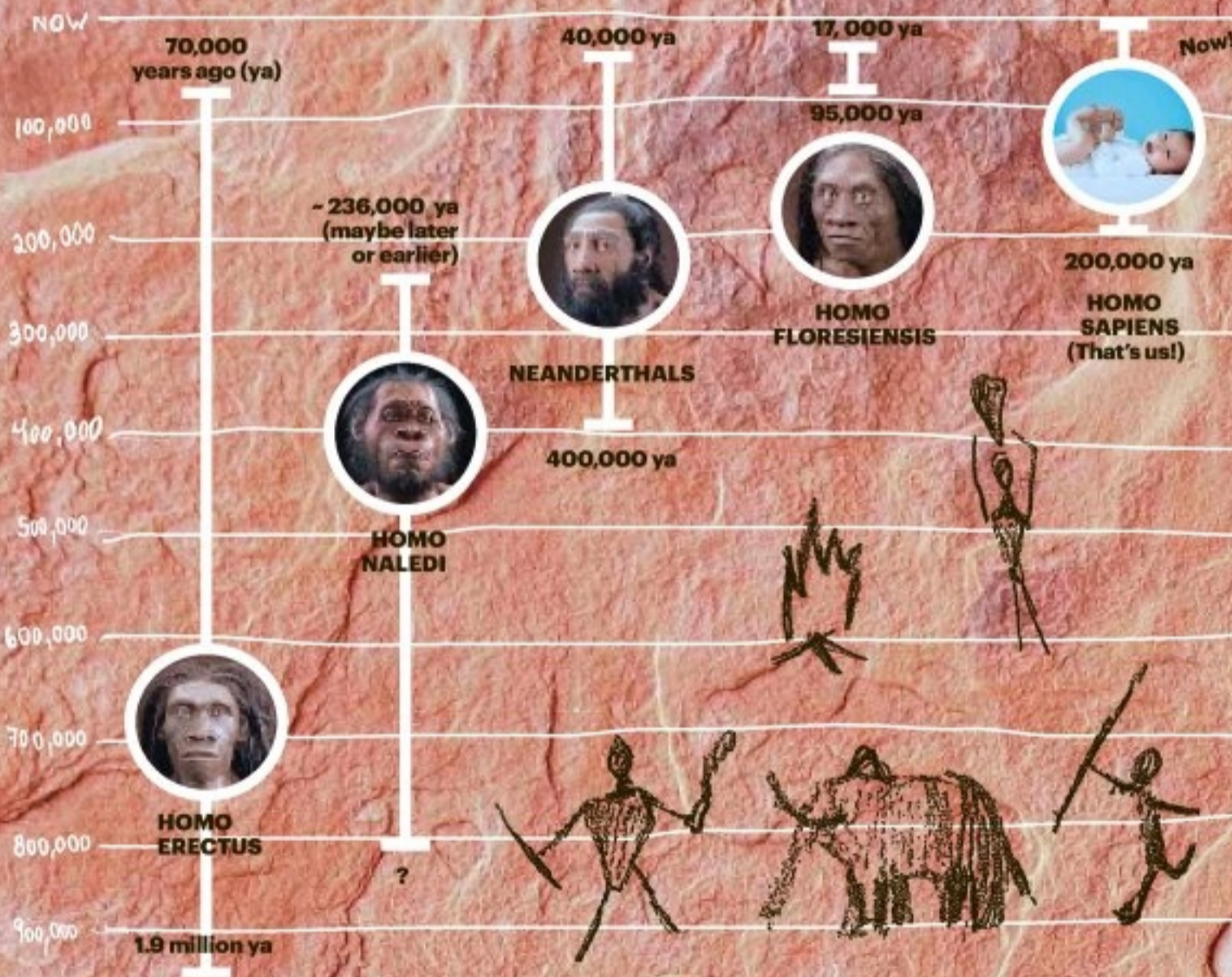
Your essential science news

Fountain of youth If you're trying to look younger, forget smiling and wear a shocked expression instead, says a new study

DECODED by Genna Buck and Andrés Plana

## THE FANTASTIC HUMAN FAMILY

The "March of Progress" image, where the knuckle-dragging ape transitions to upright modern man, doesn't tell the whole story. For much of our species' history, *Homo sapiens* co-existed with other close relatives in the genus *Homo*. Like us, they were tool-makers, fire-controllers, maybe even storytellers. But they weren't *us*, exactly. And now our family tree has a new branch.



### THE NEW KID: HOMO NALEDI

In 2013, a huge cave of fossils belonging to a previously unknown, extinct human relative was found in South Africa. The species was named *Homo naledi*. A chemical analysis published this week in the journal *eLife* found the bones are between 236,000 and 335,000 years old. This poses a big puzzle: *Naledi* shares some features with modern humans, like delicate wrists and nimble hands suited for making tools. But its brain is half the size of ours and much of its anatomy resembles human ancestors from two million years ago. No one is sure yet if *naledi* is a primitive human relative that survived an unusually long time, a hybrid of some kind, or something else entirely. But the paper's authors write that the species "possibly lived at the same time, and in the same place, as modern humans." **Here are some other relatives we walked the earth with, once upon an (approximate) time.**

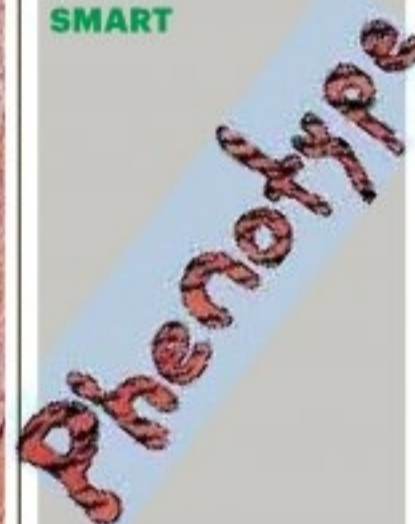
### FINDINGS Your week in science



#### HAIR-RACING SCHEME

Researchers in France are taking motorsport down a notch. Last month, six teams of nanotechnologists built race cars the size of a single molecule and went head-to-head on top of a head. Well, on a track smaller than the width of a human hair.

### SOUND SMART



#### DEFINITION

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CITIZEN SCIENTIST by Genna Buck

## The case of that one crazy study

Is it true humans were in the Americas more than 100,000 years ago? - Sarah, Toronto

It's true a study to that effect was recently published in *Nature*. It describes 130,000-year-old mastodon bones in San Diego, Calif., that appear to have been snapped by human hands, perhaps to make tools or extract the tasty bone marrow. The very heavy rocks found alongside them could be ancient anvils.

These findings are pretty wack. A large body of evidence

shows the first humans in the Americas crossed the ice between present-day Russia to Alaska between 15,000 and 13,000 years ago, not before.

*Homo sapiens* were still in Africa 130,000 years ago. But human relatives with whom we share ancient common ancestors had made it to Europe and Asia. So it's not insane to suppose they could have crossed into North America.

But claims that go against scientific consensus require extraordinary evidence. And

there's a history in this discipline of the type of dissenting scientists I call, for lack of a better term, crusaders.

They often hold appointments at prestigious universities and publish in peer-reviewed journals; though usually the same obscure ones over and over.

William Davis, a.k.a. the Wheat Belly guy, believes bread is the source of all our ills. His dairy counterpart, Neal Barnhard, is on a crusade against a "dangerous" and "addictive"

public-health menace: cheese. Frederick vom Saal and a few of his close colleagues at the University of Missouri are convinced consuming trace amounts of BPA poses an imminent danger to health, a position regulatory agencies and toxicologists have refuted. Sometimes crusaders are proven right. But that only happens after the discovery of more, better, and independent evidence.

#### Science Question?

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## Taming the dog and pony show

IN FOCUS

**On media duty,  
King Arthur's  
main men are  
sharp as swords**

**Richard  
Crouse**  
For Metro Canada



Guy Ritchie's films have entertained me for years but I'm afraid he didn't find me very interesting.

The incident happened during my press day with Ritchie and Charlie Hunnam, the director and star of *King Arthur: Legend of the Sword*. I first spoke with them for television. Hunnam answered my opening question about the film *Excalibur*, a precursor to their movie, enthusiastically. But I could feel Ritchie disengage. He sat back and went into autopilot, answering my questions by rote. The rest of the interview flew by in a flurry of quips and tossed off answers.

Half-an-hour later I sat with them again to do a longer interview for print.

"I'm glad we can make amends," said Hunnam as I came in the room. "It seemed like you wanted to have a proper conversation and we were having a bit of a jolly up."

The whole experience was an example of the yin and yang of movie promotion. The yin was Ritchie, an intense man who refers to the walking a red carpet as "a dog and pony



Charlie Hunnam (right) is the yang to his *King Arthur* director Guy Ritchie's yin — when it comes to promotional work. CONTRIBUTED

show" before adding that's not what he's here for.

The yang is Hunnam, an engaging actor who said, "We don't make these things to live on in obscurity, we make them with the hope that people will see them and this is one of the ways we can help manifest that."

The duo have been all over the world talking to media people with perfectly coiffed hair and big smiles, answering the same questions on repeat. By the time I get them there's

nothing new to ask about their update of the Arthurian legend. But there is an unspoken contract between my interview subjects and me.

Whether it's for television

or for the paper you hold in your hands, the deal is the same. They say something interesting and I report it. They get publicity and I get a story that my audience will hope-

fully enjoy.

As Ritchie sat with his arms folded across his chest, I thought about our "contract" and the difference between the two men.

Despite his tabloid appeal — for a time the British press made a sport of reporting on him — Ritchie strikes me as a private person. He's more interested in what he'll be working on next than the film he spent years making and has now signed off on. Or perhaps it's that, as a director, he's used to

being in control and in these situations he has to cede power to the interviewer.

"We both know why we're doing it," Ritchie says, "but the red carpet last night, I'll tell you, I felt soulless after that. After ten minutes get me off there because it takes me hours to recover."

Hunnam, the performer, is immediately warm and open. When Ritchie talks about losing patience on press days Hunnam jokes, "Guy Ritchie leaves the room and Johnny Nasty shows up."

Luckily, Johnny Nasty never showed. By the end of our time together the ice broke, Ritchie's arms unfolded and he smiled. I'm not sure what happened other than he seemed to warm up to me when we talked generally about film and not specifically about *King Arthur*.


We traded stories, discussed *King Arthur*, an actor's connection to their director and not being imprisoned by fear. Maybe it was just me but for a moment it felt like we were talking over a beer in a bar and not fulfilling our respective contractual duties. It was, in his words, a little less of a dog and pony show.

"I feel more satisfied now," said Hunnam as I left and another press person walked into the room to repeat the process. "I really felt bad after the [television] interview [with you]. I thought, 'Man, that's a serious cat and we really just f-ed around for four minutes.' I'm glad we got into some of the nitty-gritty."

### MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

**Snatched** ★★★★★  
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# Taking an Oliver Twist on a very British legend



Charlie Hunnam, of *Sons of Anarchy* fame, is up to the task of playing King Arthur, once he gets to grips with it. CONTRIBUTED

## REVIEW

### Ritchie blows it all up and turns Arthur into a Cockney king

Peter Howell  
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Oi! What's Guy Ritchie gone and done with King Arthur, then?

In *King Arthur: Legend of the Sword*, he's done another Sherlock Holmes to British legend, he has.

He's turned Arthur — Arthur, I mean — into a Cockney combo of *Oliver Twist* and *Artful Dodger*, set in the 8th century or thereabouts. Played by Charlie Hunnam, who was a biker in TV's *Sons of Anarchy*, he's a street urchin raised in a brothel in Londinum, which is what they called London before they learned how to spell.

And a right rounder he is, mixing it up at every chance. Hunnam is up to the task, he really is, all kitted out in a flash shearling coat, although he is rather a serious bloke.

Mind you, Arthur doesn't know yet that he's got royal blood in him. He escaped as a tot out of Camelot when his

## LANDING THE ROLE

### How Charlie Hunnam talked his way into King Arthur role

Charlie Hunnam says he convinced director Guy Ritchie to cast him as King Arthur after the two bonded over marijuana — talking about it, not indulging in it.

"I heard Guy Ritchie's 'King Arthur' and I thought, 'That's a brilliant idea'," said Hunnam.

So Hunnam booked a trip to London on a week off from filming "Sons of Anarchy" and landed a meeting with Ritchie.

"He actually creatively was interested in the medical marijuana business in California of which I knew a little bit about. So we ended up bizarrely talking about medical marijuana for two hours. But, what I realized in hindsight was, he just wanted to get to know me as a chap."

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evil uncle Vortigern (Jude Law) stole the rightful throne from Arthur's dad Uther (Eric Bana).

Vortigern took the jam outta Arthur's doughnut, if I may quote Tommy from *Snatch*, an earlier Ritchie film that actually made sense with its Cockney characters, after a fashion.

Listen, mate, I'm not saying Ritchie is taking the piss here. If people can mess about with Shakespeare, can't Ritchie have a go at King Arthur, who is merely fictional, is he not? And who does Cockney capers better than Guy Ritchie?

But he goes too far. If I may quote another Charlie, the one in *The Italian Job* played by the great Cockney actor Michael

Caine, "You're only supposed to blow the bloody doors off!"

*King Arthur: Legend of the Sword* blows it all up, as director Ritchie shares the scriptwriting blame with Lionel Wigram and Joby Harold.

It's got bloody great elephants and giant snakes, which weren't living in Britain in the 8th century, last time I checked. It's also got weird witches wrapped around some kind of octopus in a subterranean lake, an idea that looks like it was nicked from *Macbeth* or maybe *Mar-a-Lago*.

Arthur larks about with his "lads" — that would be his future Knights of the Round table, no less — who have colourful names like Bedivere (Djimon Hounsou),

Wet Stick (Kingsley Ben-Adir), Back Lack (Neil Maskell), Chinese George (Tom Wu) and, er, Bill (Game of Thrones' Aiden Gillen).

Make no mistake, this is a very much a lad's movie, as most Guy Ritchie pictures are. Although there is this wizard bird named Mage (Astrid Bergès-Frisbey), who looks more like a Marion to me.

What really frosts my pumpkin, if I may say so, is that after wading through about an hour of scattershot edits and on-the-fly plot descriptions set to a sledgehammer score, we finally get down to the task at hand: getting Arthur to pull his magic sword Excalibur out of the bleedin' stone and get on with being a king, smiting foes and all that.

And when he does so, he damn nears faints from the exertion, he does.

What kind of King Arthur is that? The kind we saw in *Monty Python and the Holy Grail*, when Graham Chapman's Arthur is informed by Michael Palin's aggrieved Cockney peasant, referring to another version of Arthurian legend, that the weapon doesn't make the man.

"You can't expect to wield supreme executive power just because some watery tart threw a sword at you," the peasant says, and I couldn't agree more.

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# What's the Guardians' origin story

So you've just seen the latest Guardians of the Galaxy movie and want to find out more about the characters? Well, don't look in the original Guardians of the Galaxy story, because it has only one character who has become a regular in the films.

Fortunately, Marvel comics history is completely clear and never confusing or bizarre, so we can easily bring you up to speed on the backgrounds of moviegoers' second- or maybe third-favourite space team. **JAIME WEINMAN** TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



## Star-Lord

In Peter Quill's original appearance, he was born because the planets aligned and caused his mother to give birth to an immaculately conceived miracle child. Later writers thought this was too sacrilegious, so they decided that his mom just had sex with an alien. After his mother was killed by space visitors, Peter gained a racist hatred of all aliens and became the Star-Lord to "make those spacemen pay!"



## Yondu

The only movie principal who was in the original Guardians story. But instead of hanging around with Star-Lord, he teamed up with a different Earth kid to attack a race of evil space lizards by shooting arrows at them. Recently, Marvel replaced this Yondu in the comics with a different Yondu, who looks like Michael Rooker and hangs around with Star-Lord. You know, for artistic reasons.



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The decommissioned U.S. Coast Guard cutter Tamaroa is intentionally sunk. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## ENVIRONMENT

# Perfect Storm ship finally sunk

The ship made famous in the book and subsequent film *The Perfect Storm* has been intentionally sunk off the New Jersey and Delaware coasts so it can become part of an artificial reef.

The sinking of the Tamaroa, a 205-foot (62-meter) Coast Guard vessel, took place Wednesday morning. The sinking initially was scheduled to occur several months ago, but was repeatedly delayed by rough seas and other related issues.

The vessel was sent down about 33 nautical miles (61 kilometres) off the coast of Cape May, New Jersey. It was deployed in water more than 120 feet (36.5 metres) deep after patches were removed from holes that were pre-cut into its hull, according to the New Jersey Department of En-

vironmental Protection.

The pre-cut holes were part of the extensive work that had to be done before the ship could be sunk, including the removal of interior paneling and insulation as well as emptying and cleaning the vessel of all fuel and fluids.

The ship turned on its side as it slowly went down in the calm water, then turned straight up as the bulk of the vessel went under water. It then disappeared from view as a person on board a neighbouring vessel thanked the Tamaroa for its long service.

The Tamaroa was first commissioned by the U.S. Navy in 1934 under the name Zuni and saw action during World War II. It was transferred to the Coast Guard and renamed in 1946, then continued to serve

until it eventually was decommissioned in 1994.

The vessel's most notable mission came in October 1991, when three strong storm systems came together off the New England coast, generating 40-foot (12-meter) waves and wind gusts of more than 70 mph.

The Tamaroa's crew helped save three people aboard a sailboat that was caught in the storm. They also rescued four of five crewmen of an Air National Guard helicopter that ran out of fuel during a similar rescue mission and had to be ditched in the ocean.

Both events were documented in Sebastian Junger's 1997 book, *The Perfect Storm*, and a movie of the same name starring George Clooney.

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## Drax the Destroyer

In the comics, he was a dad who was driving home from an Elvis Presley concert when Thanos attacked his car, killing him. He was brought back to life as a super-strong green man. Then he was killed again by his telepathic priestess daughter, and when he came back to life again, his power was enhanced but he'd lost all his intelligence. In comics, stupidity is a superpower.



## Gamora

Just like in the movies, she became a deadly warrior after her family was killed. However, in the comics, her family was killed not by Thanos, but by a New Age church. So she went back in time to wipe out the entire church. She joined the Guardians of the Galaxy after getting possessed by an alien hive mind that was totally not a ripoff of the Borg.



## Groot

In the '60s, before superheroes took over, the biggest fad in comics was for monsters. So Stan Lee and Jack Kirby created a story about a talking tree monster named Groot. Unlike the version we know (and adore), this one could talk. And talk. And talk.



## Rocket Raccoon

The first time he appeared, in the same 1970s black-and-white magazine that introduced Star-Lord, his name was "Rocky Raccoon." But when he moved to the colour comics, his name was changed to Rocket, to avoid the wrath of the deadliest creatures in the universe: Paul McCartney's lawyers.



## THE VOICE HUDSON TAKES A SPIN IN JUDGE'S CHAIR

Jennifer Hudson is taking a turn in one of the spinning chairs of The Voice. NBC has announced the one-time American Idol contestant will look to uncover potential singing stars when she joins fellow coaches Blake Shelton, Adam Levine and Miley Cyrus for the fall season of the reality singing competition. Hudson was a coach for the U.K. version of the series earlier this year, with her team winning her debut season with the franchise. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## GOSSIP BRIEFS

### Netflix opens European hub in Amsterdam

Streaming service Netflix says it will hire 400 staff for its new Amsterdam-based European customer service headquarters and plans to announce at least six new original European projects before the end of 2017.

Netflix said that the first new series, Dogs of Berlin, will be written, produced and shot in Germany and will launch in 2018. The second is a French production, Osmosis, expected to begin production in 2018.

The company says that more than 400 people will work at its new Amsterdam customer service hub by the end of 2018.

Netflix co-founder and CEO Reed Hastings says in a statement that Europe "is a creative centre for great storytelling." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### Jackie Kennedy artwork, watch going to auction

A watercolour by Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis is being auctioned along with a Cartier watch she wore for years.

Christie's said Thursday that the then-first lady, who painted as a hobby, created the 6 1/2-inch by 8-inch

artwork in 1963 as a gift for her brother-in-law, Stanislaw Radziwill. Radziwill gave her the watch.

The painting depicts Radziwill walking with a Kennedy family friend.

The items are being offered as a single lot at a June 21 sale in New York. The presale estimate is \$60,000 to \$120,000.

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### Charlie Brown joins Teletubbies at DHX Media

Charlie Brown and Strawberry Shortcake are set to join the Teletubbies, Inspector Gadget and Cailou at DHX Media under a US\$345-million agreement.

The Halifax-based children's entertainment company said it plans to bring the brands into the digital age as the deal adds hundreds of episodes of new content for its library and creates opportunities to expand them into new areas such as its WildBrain network on YouTube.

In a world where parents have near unlimited choices in what their children can watch, brands like Peanuts and Strawberry Shortcake stand out, DHX chief Dana Landry said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# Snatched kidnaps laughter



Amy Schumer plays Emily, a naïve slacker, and Goldie Hawn plays Linda, a homebody cat lady, in *Snatched*. Hijinks ensue when the mother-daughter duo travel to Ecuador. CONTRIBUTED

## REVIEW

### Humour mostly held hostage by lazy screenplay

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Imagine the Hollywood pitch meeting where adventure comedy *Snatched* got the green light.

Filmmaker: "Amy Schumer and Goldie Hawn, together at

last! Two generations, two funny ladies! Goldie is ending her 15-year screen retirement for this!"

Studio suit: "But the script has them being kidnapped for ransom money in South America by very bad hombres! This actually happens to people! It's not funny!"

Filmmaker: "We'll surround them with wacky actors like Wanda Sykes, Joan Cusack and Ike Barinholtz of *The Mindy Project*! It'll be great!"

Whether or not something like this actually occurred, *Snatched* is what we get. It follows the above template, except

## FUNNY BUSINESS

**Schumer visits Judge Judy**  
Amy Schumer may not be giving up comedy for a legal career, yet she took a turn in Judge Judy's seat during a Tuesday visit to the set of the syndicated courtroom show.

In a video, Schumer sits in the judge's chair and takes papers from bailiff Petri Byrd.

Byrd also posted a clip to his Instagram calling Schumer "Her Funnyness." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

for the bit about being great, which it most certainly isn't.

The movie earns a few chuckles, but humour is largely held hostage by a lewd and lazy

screenplay that wanders like Billy in *The Family Circus*.

Evidently the studio felt worried enough about *Snatched* that the decision was made to sum-

marize the plot in a few lines of text right off the top, so people don't think anything really bad will occur in the next 90 minutes.

We're left guessing the thoughts of director Jonathan Levine (50/50, *The Wackness*) and screenwriter Katie Dippold (*Spy*, *The Heat*), because there's no discernible method to their madness.

Schumer is Emily, a naïve slacker who finds herself unattached, having been fired from her dead-end job and dumped by her jerk of a boyfriend.

Problem: Emily and the jerk were about to go on vacation

together to South America. The tickets are non-refundable.

Solution: Travel with mom! Even though mom Linda (Hawn) is a homebody cat lady who considers foreign travel a ticket to trouble. She's almost as anti-social as Emily's pampered agoraphobic brother Jeffrey (Barinholtz).

After the usual bluster — "You don't do anything fun anymore!" — Emily and Linda find themselves sipping drinks and squabbling at a resort in Ecuador. They meet a zany pair of fellow travelers, played by Wanda Sykes and Joan Cusack, who are actually pretty funny together.

Emily and Linda also encounter the aforementioned bad hombres, led by the creepy Morgado (Oscar Jaenada), who considers them easy prey for a ransom scam.

Hijinks ensue, cautiously. Emily and Linda actually are in peril, from dangerous dudes and the encroaching jungle. Some blood is spilled.

Needless to say, *Snatched* isn't going to win any cultural sensitivity or tourism awards from South America.

But it also makes North Americans look bad, especially employees of the U.S. State Department, who couldn't care less about the plight of kidnapped Emily and Linda. *Snatched* isn't very funny, but at least it's broad-minded about its boorishness.

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# Sharpshooters, hackers and a sprint to the altar

A bit more about four movies opening this weekend



## The Wall

**1** (Starring Aaron Taylor-Johnson, John Cena; Directed by Doug Liman; 81 minutes) — It's late 2007, the Iraq war is supposedly in his final throes and U.S. president George W. Bush has already declared victory.

Tell that to the two soldiers who find themselves facing off against an ingenious foe under the heat of a blazing Middle Eastern sun.

The story opens appropriately through the lens of a rifle scope as American crack snipers Matthews and Isaac survey a scene of carnage from the safety of a makeshift hideout on a rocky hillside.

Below lay a slew of bodies of pipeline workers, most of whom have died as the result of expertly-delivered head shots from an unseen assassin. It appears to be the word of a sniper nicknamed Juba, whose lethal efficiency has earned their grudging respect.

When the soldiers unwisely break cover, a taut and deadly game of cat and mouse begins and they do not have the upper hand.

Director Doug Liman is a capable craftsman who's delivered such high-tension action films as *The Bourne Identity* (2002) and *Edge of Tomorrow* (2014). *The Wall* is a worthy addition to his oeuvre.

Dwain Worrell provides a well-plotted and sinewy script that comes with a few nasty surprises for the ostensible protagonists. It's also intelligent enough to make us question our own loyalties as the story unfolds.

The wall of the title is a crumbling ruin and an apt metaphor for the larger conflict between two warring civilizations that leaves nothing in its wake but destruction.

*The Wall* is the best kind of war film, one that expresses both the brutality of combat and the ambiguity of conflict.

## Risk

**2** (Documentary written and directed by Laura Poitras; 91 minutes; 14A) — In her documentary about WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange, director Laura Poitras (Oscar winner for *Edward Snowden* doc *Citizenfour*) ponders why he's giving her free access when it's clear he doesn't like her.

Hardly surprising, given the interesting-if-uneven portrait in *Risk*: any attention is just fine by Assange, whose contradictions bedevil the filmmaker. "This is not the film I thought I was making," Poitras admits.

Updated since its Cannes 2016 debut, Poitras followed Assange for six years, from

his WikiLeaks staff retreat in the English countryside to ongoing asylum inside the Ecuadorian embassy in London following allegations of sexual assault in Sweden.

As with *Citizenfour*, Poitras gets compelling real-time moments, including Assange on the phone with former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's team warning secret diplomatic documents are about to be dumped online — and not by WikiLeaks. He's not out to do any favours: Assange's concern is for his organization's reputation.

## A Wedding Plan

**3** (Starring Noa Kooker, Oz Zehavi and Amos Tamam; Written and directed by Rama Burshtein; 110 minutes; PG) — At 32, Michal (Noa Kooker) is more than ready to get married. "I want to give and I want to receive," she says at the start of *A Wedding Plan*. "I want to love and be loved back."

But when her groom bluntly announces that he doesn't love her just before the wedding, Michal decides to get married anyway; after all, she has the hall booked and a new apartment ready to move into. All that's missing is the groom.

Michal relies on her Orthodox faith, and decides God (and a couple of matchmak-

ers) will solve this small problem in the three weeks she has left before the last night of Hanukkah, the date of the currently groomless nuptials.

## Violet

**4** (Starring Cesar De Sutter, Mira Helmer; Written and directed by Bas Devos; 85 minutes.) — The violence is as sudden as it is incomprehensible.

A teenage boy is attacked by another teenager while friend Jesse stands by helplessly. A mall security camera captures the event with clinical detachment.

In the aftermath, Jesse struggles through a fog of shock and confusion which impacts those around him, concerned parents, his group of BMX-riding friends and the larger community.

Filmmaker Bas Devos delivers a carefully-crafted rumination on mourning and loss in the face of circumstances so far out of ordinary experience that there are no tools at hand to cope.

The film, which won the top prize at Berlin Film Festival, is shot through a lens in a deep disassociative state. Despite a studied sense of detachment throughout, Devos' feature-length debut is a film of subtle power.

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# Bon Cops back...on the Trump beat

## INTERVIEW

## Canada's most unlikely duo lay down law to Americans

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How thoughtful it was of President Donald J. Trump to make the FBI a major news story the same week that Patrick Huard and Colm Feore are releasing *Bon Cop, Bad Cop 2*.

The FBI figures prominently in the sequel of their bilingual hit 2006 buddy-cop thriller, which reunites Quebec's Huard and Ontario's Feore as policemen divided by culture and personality but united as crimebusters. This time they cross national borders and mix it up with FBI sleuths — who were led by James Comey until Trump abruptly and clumsily fired him this week in major news event that's still unfolding.

"Donald Trump is now president, and it resonates with the whole thing," says actor/



Colm Feore (left) and Patrick Huard return in *Bon Cop, Bad Cop 2* a little more road weary than their first collaboration, 2006's surprise smash hit (inset) that raked in nearly \$13 million at the box office. CARLOS OSORIO/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE/CANADIAN PRESS FILE

writer/producer Huard, marvelling at how the *Bon Cop 2* script he penned three years ago suddenly seems like reality.

"He did us an enormous service yesterday (by firing Comey)," actor Feore chips in,

only partly in jest. "It's like Patrick wrote this!"

"It's crazy," Huard says. "All of this was basically put on paper three years ago. It's like they're trying to catch up."

Huard, 48, and Feore, 58, are

two of Canada's most popular actors.

They're both a little road weary — Feore jokes about how they had to "act like rock stars" to deal with a pesky Moncton flight delay — and Huard seems to be fighting a cold. They're also noticeably grayer than in their previous teaming. On the plus side, Feore's French and Huard's English have gotten much better over the past decade.

But they'd rather talk about how much they enjoyed making the movie — especially the parts where they have wicked fun at the expense of Americans, who come off looking as dumb as Hollywood usually makes Canadians look.

"I really don't understand how come we're not making fun of them more often, because they don't care," Huard says. "I don't know how many movies I've seen that have Canadian references, as well as standup comedians and TV shows."

"South Park alone — 'Blame Canada!'" Feore agrees.

"Exactly!" Huard continues. "So I was like, why not us? And we came up with a little theory that maybe some movie producers always secretly dream of having their movie distributed in the States and they're afraid of offending Americans."

"Me, I wanted to do a movie that resonated with my people. For the Canadians. For the Québécois. That's what I wanted to do. I don't want to conquer the world with *Bon Cop, Bad Cop*. I want my people to go (to the theatre) because we did it for them, thinking of them while doing it, so that's all that matters to me. And since now

the two characters are friends, we needed a common enemy. I just looked at the list of the people I haven't offended yet and the Americans were left!"

I suggest to them that Trump probably wouldn't like the movie very much. He'd probably tweet something like, "Bon Cop 2 is BAD! (SAD!) Canadians aren't funny!"

Huard and Feore are ready for it. They'd be delighted if Trump tweeted.

"I'm guessing he's not going to understand our jokes," Feore says. "So we have that going for us for a while, until we try to export it on Air Canada."

The really funny thing about *Bon Cop, Bad Cop 2* is how long it took to be made. The first film, released in the summer of 2006, was that rarest of birds: a genuine Canadian hit from coast to coast, especially in Quebec. It made nearly \$13 million at the box office, a big deal. Yet the sequel was never a sure thing.

Huard and Feore, who are good friends off camera even if they still squabble on it, insist they never even talked about making a sequel until a few years ago. That's when Huard presented Feore with the script he'd spent a year writing, work-

ing solo this time (he had three co-writers for the first film).

The two were also extremely busy, to say the least and to name just a few. Huard had film and TV commitments (Starbuck, Mommy, Quebec TV's Taxi 0-22) and Feore had film, TV and stage assignments (The Amazing Spider-Man 2, TV's The Borgias and House of Cards, Stratford's King Lear and Macbeth).

"I didn't want to call Colm and say, 'OK, do you want to do a second one? If you do, I'm going to write it,'" Huard recalls.

"That's not how it works. I took a year of my life, I wrote a script and somebody went and met him at his home in Stratford and said, 'Here is the script.'"

*Bon Cop 2* promotes Feore's upright OPP lawman Martin Ward to the RCMP and gives him family and personal issues that deepen the role. Huard's irreverent character David Bouchard is still a detective for the Sûreté du Québec, but now he's

working undercover to crack an auto-theft ring and his family life has also become more involving.

Feore instantly knew he had to sign on for the sequel, although it wasn't like he'd been resisting the idea.

"Patrick wrote it for me," Feore says, obviously impressed.

"And that's really how it works," Huard says. "When you know who you're writing for, it's totally a different process. Because you can push. You know he's going to pull it off; Colm's going to sell it. As much as I wanted to have a good script, also in order to seduce him to do the sequel, I wanted him to have a good part as well."

"Because that's how actors look at scripts," Feore agrees. "BS, BS, BS, my part, BS, BS, BS, my part..."

But ultimately they both discovered that they had no choice but to make a *Bon Cop* sequel. Their fans demanded one.

Huard would be walking the streets of Paris and somebody would come up and ask him when it would be happening. Feore would be strolling through an airport and answering the same question from fellow travellers.

"It's been a very peculiar experience to have people really ask for it," Feore says. "We're back by popular demand."

Those are words that any actor wants to hear, no matter which side of a provincial or international boundary they happen to be on.

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# He's the leading man without the hassle of fame

**Brendan Gleeson on still finding inspiration in his many diverse characters**



**Steve Gow**  
For Metro Canada



Brendan Gleeson doesn't have the hassles of most Hollywood leading men. Bulky, gruff-looking and beaming a thick Irish brogue, the acclaimed thespian rarely even gets approached in public.

"The Harry Potter thing was just such a huge thing I suppose," admitted the man behind the fantasy franchises' Mad-Eye Moody. "But luckily enough, I was in enough get-up that people don't recognize me immediately."

Gleeson hasn't just averted the public's attention through prosthetics and extensive make-up however.

After starring in over 50 movies as everything from a Newfoundland fisherman to Winston Churchill, the versatile artist has disappeared into so many roles that he's become one of cinema's most sought-after character actors.

"I have to be honest with you, I bore myself," admitted Gleeson about his extensive range of characters. "I'm 25 years doing it so I'm sure I'm repeating myself (but) I love variety, I like the difference and finding out things. I like to be confronted with stuff I don't already know."

For his latest project, Glee-

son certainly learned a lot about a slice of history previously unknown to him. After all, *Alone in Berlin* cast the renowned actor as a German factory worker who covertly became a Nazi protester after the death of his son in the Second World War.

"I do think that World War II is a place that would benefit from being muddled up a little bit in the sense that not everybody was a hero or a villain," explained Gleeson of the moral drama about a remarkable real-life couple that opposed Nazism by placing propagandist postcards around Berlin opposing Hitler.

While the couple's dissension may have had limited success in the history books, their futile struggle against the Nazi regime was not lost on Gleeson.

"I'm a great believer in the fact that given the chance, a human being wishes to be a decent one and the more we can look at somebody like the Quangels, it's an inspiration," said Gleeson about the film's fictional version of Otto and Elise Hampel.



**"I'm 25 years doing it so I'm sure I'm repeating myself (but) I love variety."**

Brendan Gleeson

## GLEESON'S WISH LIST

**Brendan Gleeson has worked with everyone from Martin Scorsese to Steven Spielberg. So who's left for the Irish thespian?**

"The Coens for one," said Gleeson of the legendary sibling filmmakers.

"It's a sign of great creative forces when you know all the smaller parts have been given the proper creative life. It's what I love about the Coens (so) I'm

hoping I work with them at some point."

### Indie Vs Blockbusters

"You really have to make a kind of a splash in some of the bigger films to be taken seriously for any of the smaller films," said Gleeson.

"(But) in terms of when I have choice of work, I only go where the work is good."

STEVE GOW/METRO

"The apparent ineffectiveness of the protest, I think that's a bigger statement because it means that they were adhering to what was best of themselves."

It wasn't just the Hampels' tale that appealed to Gleeson however.

After a quarter of a century of moviemaking, the 62-year-old talent is also beginning to feel a personal responsibility to relate stories of the past to younger generations.

Gleeson himself has four sons, two of whom have followed his career path. Eldest son Domhnall has reeled off a string of strong performances in major hits including *The Revenant*, *The Force Awakens* and *Brooklyn*.

"I'm not sure their world will be different from that world for too much longer the way things are going," laughs Gleeson of the next generation.

"(But in) World War II, there's a certain innocence in terms of the goodies and the baddies that allows us to watch heroism without having to feel like we have to second guess it."

"Wars now are so complicated in terms of the right and the wrong that it's very difficult to find unsullied heroism."

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Sum 41 lead singer Deryck Whibley poses for a photo with his mother Michelle Gordon. THE CANADIAN PRESS/HO MICHELLE GORDON

# Reflecting on life as a Sum 41 rock mom

MUSIC AND MOTHERHOOD

## Michelle Gordon raised rockstar son Deryck

Michelle Gordon vividly remembers answering the phone to learn her son – Sum 41 singer Deryck Whibley – had been hos-

pitalized in serious condition.

Awoken in the wee hours of the morning about three years ago, she was urged to get on a plane to Los Angeles. Whibley's hard partying destroyed his liver and kidneys, and the situation was dire.

"It's a mother's worst nightmare when you get a call at 4 a.m. saying your child is in the ICU," Gordon says from her

home in Ajax, Ont.

She caught a flight that afternoon still uncertain of his fate.

"I didn't fully grasp the severity of it until we got there," she says. "They had him in a drug-induced coma. And that's when they told me they didn't expect him to survive."

Even before his life unhinged, Gordon worried about Whibley's rock 'n' roll lifestyle.

He signed his first record deal at 19 and soon after, Sum 41 was making headlines for antics like trashing hotel rooms. Usually she'd hear about it on the local news and slip it into the conversation when he called home.

"He'd just kind of chuckle," remembers Gordon, 54, who raised Whibley as a single mother while working as a nurse.

Before Sum 41's hits "Fat Lip" and "In Too Deep" made the band famous, Gordon supported her son by bringing friends to his sparsely attended local shows.

"I'm just sitting there grinning from ear to ear – that proud mama moment," she says.

Backstage parties were a highlight, especially when she rubbed elbows with legends like Iggy Pop. Once she travelled with Sum 41 on a jumbo jet where they commandeered the galley and partied all the way to Japan.

"We drank the plane dry and kept getting kicked out of first class," she says.

Those wild days have mostly settled.

Whibley turned away from alcohol after his health scare, a decision he credits his mother for at least partly inspiring.

In an interview last year, he recalled the moment when the severity of his alcoholism truly hit him.

"I knew instantly when I saw my mom's face," the 37-year-old musician said. "She'd come all the way from Ajax and was there standing over me."

Swearing off alcohol was another challenge entirely.

Watching her son endure those days was a challenge, but Gordon says she was delighted when he returned to the stage.

"It was another proud-parent moment to see him go from rock bottom to top of the world again in such a short period of time," she says. THE CANADIAN PRESS

### CONCERTS

## Jay Z signs tour deal

Jay Z has signed a \$200 million, 10-year deal with tour promoter Live Nation.

The rap icon announced the deal Thursday that continues his relationship with the company, a connection which began in 2008. A person close to the situation, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because the person was not allowed to publicly talk about the topic, told The Associated Press that Jay Z earned \$200 million for the new deal.

"Over 9 years, we have travelled the world producing historic music experiences," Jay Z said in a statement. "This renewed partnership is a testament to our longstanding relationship and the talented individuals at Live Nation. For the next 10 years, we will continue redefining the live event landscape."

Live Nation has produced a number of Jay Z's successful live shows, including his recent collaborative tours with Beyoncé and Justin Timberlake.

Jay Z will be performing live a good amount this year: He's slated to headline a number of music festivals including his own Made In America festival. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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### TELEVISION

## New Sunday home for ESPN's top magazine show

ESPN says it is putting a sharper focus on its long-form journalism with Sunday's launch of the revamped magazine show "E:60," with Bob Ley and Jeremy Schaap as hosts.

The move comes as ESPN searches for ways to hang on to viewers with more people turning to the web for sports highlights. Dwindling profits at the cable giant, which recently laid

off about 100 journalists and on-air personalities, was a topic that dominated parent Walt Disney Co.'s earnings news conference this week.

The first new "E:60," featuring a story about the Syrian national soccer team, airs Sunday at 9 a.m. ET.

The magazine series has usually aired in prime time, but had no regular slot and was often off

the air for weeks at a time when ESPN aired live events.

"The best thing about this deal is that 'E:60' has a permanent home now," said Ley.

The Sunday show is combining staff with "Outside the Lines," a weekday news show hosted by Ley that is getting a cutting-edge new set.

Ley and Schaap will work live on Sundays, reacting to big break-

ing stories and interviewing reporters about their pieces.

"We're going to have to be more agile, we're going to have to react more to the news," Schaap said.

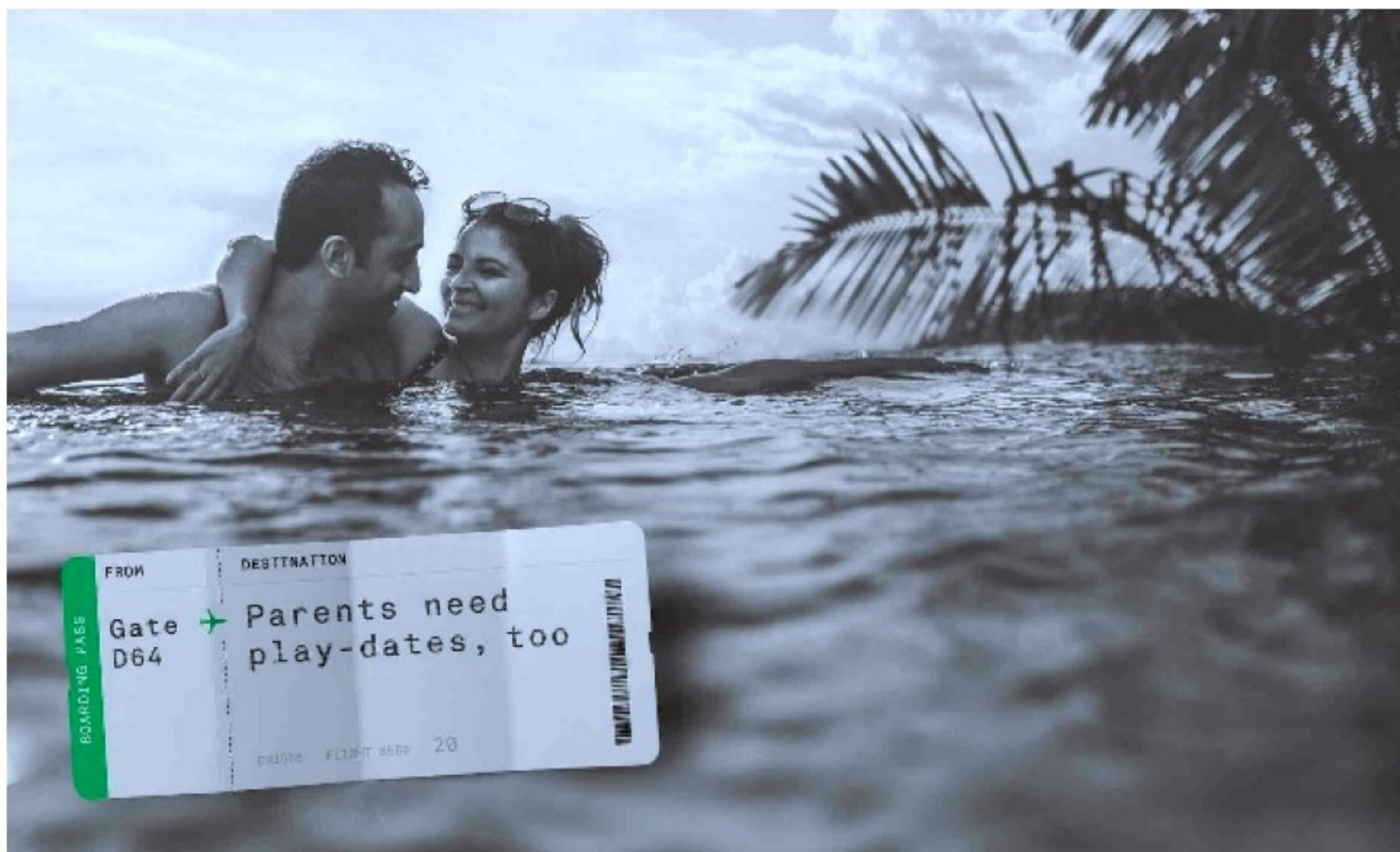
The show is displacing the panel show "Sports Reporters," which began 29 years ago with Schaap's late father, legendary sports journalist Dick Schaap, as host. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Demi Lovato and Kate Hudson celebrated their clothing collaboration at the Fabletics Capsule Collection launch on Wednesday. GETTY IMAGES

# From workouts to working together

ACTIVEWEAR

## Hudson and Lovato collaborate on fashion line

Kate Hudson and Demi Lovato went from working out at the gym together to working on a fashion-line collaboration.

Hudson, who co-founded activewear brand Fabletics in 2013, says she instantly hit it off with the Confident singer when the two ran into each other at the gym. They were celebrating together Wednesday at the Demi Lovato for Fabletics Collaboration launch event.

"Because she is fierce. It was perfect," said Hudson, 38. "Her values and what she stands for is a big part of what our brand is really pushing out there for women. Body positivity, strength, taking control of your life and things. She's been a very open

communicator about things in her own life, which I think is really important for women to feel like they can come out and be really open about things that are going on in their life and finding happiness."

Lovato, 24, says she has bipolar disorder and has been an advocate for mental health awareness. The pop singer says the fashion line reflects her story.

"It's come forward through the confidence that you get when you wear the clothing and the cuts are great, the compression in the pants are great. It's all about feeling comfortable while you're working out and while you are going about your day," said Lovato. She trains regularly with mixed martial arts fighters and says she also enjoys workouts "with weights, like

strength and conditioning."

The new limited-edition capsule collection is youthful with leggings in pink and yellow flowered prints, black-and-white shorts and long-sleeved grey shirts. A long, hot-pink tank top is emblazoned with "CONFIDENT" in capital letters at the bottom.

Lovato says she was very hands-on during the design process, "down to colour swatches, what the tag looks like."

"I didn't draw. That's the only thing that I didn't do is draw the sketches ... I love what we've come up with," she said.

The athletic brand offers collections in sizes ranging from XXS to 3XL.

Lovato recently announced a YouTube series and said she's planning to release a new studio album. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## GOSSIP BRIEF

### Hernandez's widow talks

The fiancée of former NFL player Aaron Hernandez says she thought his suicide was a hoax.

Shayanna Jenkins-Hernandez says in an interview on "Dr. Phil" airing next week that she thought "some cruel person" was playing a trick on her when she heard Hernandez hanged himself in his prison cell on April 19, days after he was acquitted of a double murder. He was still serving a life sentence for another killing.

Jenkins-Hernandez said her last conversation with the former New England Patriots player was positive.

She also addresses rumours about Hernandez's purported secret love life and whether she thinks he killed himself so she could collect millions of dollars.

The interview airs Monday and Tuesday.

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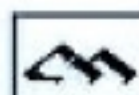
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## PERSONAL FINANCE

### But owners divided over worth of monthly fees

Monica Finlay's childhood yellow Labrador, Amy, had a few surprise accidents that cost her parents a lot of money.

"She blew out her ACL and that was really expensive," Finlay says. "Then, right at the end of her life, she blew out her other ACL."

That experience is partly why she and her husband have been spending \$45 a month for pet insurance since they got their German shepherd mix, Ozzie, about six years ago.

Pet insurance plans cover some veterinary costs, but pet owners are divided on whether they're worth it.

Medical costs over an animal's lifetime can be steep.

Cats cost their owners at least \$100 a year, while dogs cost at least \$200, according to the British Columbia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Those numbers only cover routine visits and don't take into account emergencies, which can add up to thousands of dollars.

Monthly fees vary depending on factors such as the animal's breed, age and location, as well as what the plan covers. Owners can choose from accident, illness and wellness coverage, which covers the routine visits most plans don't.

Plans often have a combination of a maximum payout

## BY THE NUMBERS

**\$370**

Average yearly cost of insuring an adult cat with Pets Plus Us

**\$734**

Average yearly cost of insuring a dog with Pets Plus Us

**1-3%**

Only about 1 to 3 per cent of all pets in the country have insurance

amount each year, a deductible (an amount the owner must pay before the insurer pitches in) and a co-pay (a percentage of the bill the owner is responsible for). Many plans won't cover future costs for pre-existing conditions.

Fees vary. But the average yearly cost of insuring an adult cat for accident and illness coverage with Pets Plus Us, for instance, is \$370, while for a dog the cost nearly doubles to \$734.

It's estimated only about one to three per cent of all domestic cats and dogs in the country have some type of insurance, like Finlay's dog Ozzie.

Finlay says insurance has covered Ozzie's roughly \$2,500 of annual medical costs since they



Monica Finlay, seen hanging out with her dog Ozzie in Guelph, Ont., has been spending \$45 a month for pet insurance since they got their German shepherd mix about six years ago. HANNAH YOON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

discovered he has allergies to about 22 things, including beef, chicken and wool.

"It would have been really cost prohibitive to keep him if we didn't have pet insurance," she says, adding the insurer pays 90 per cent of those costs save for a one-time \$500 deductible.

But not all pets need such expensive, ongoing care and the monthly fees could add up to more than what the insurer

needs to pay.

Michelle Van Dyk-Houghton chose not to insure her dog Brooke or her cat Ginger after weighing the monthly cost of insurance versus the potential savings. Instead, she and her husband set aside \$100 to \$200 a month for animal care and draw on those funds when needed.

"If we don't need it, then it's money that we still have," she says.

Not all pet owners are able

to take out insurance though.

When Marli Vlok's first guinea pig fell ill with what she believes was fibrous osteodystrophy, a metabolic bone disease, she paid more than \$900 for Ember's teeth to be trimmed three times and about \$700 for a visit to a specialist.

She looked into pet insurance for her other guinea pigs, but couldn't find a plan that would cover them.

Vlok routinely shells out between \$40 and \$70 for vet visits and has paid about \$300 for two sets of X-rays for Onyx.

She says she keeps about \$500 on hand for vet purposes at all times, but would prefer to pay for insurance.

"They're one of those pets that you have a very good chance that they'll be absolutely healthy," she says. "But when things go wrong, it's expensive wrong." THE CANADIAN PRESS



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# Weeding out the driving high risk



Alexis Vegh is a facilitator of a program for youth on the dangers of smoking marijuana and getting behind the wheel. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## PREVENTION

### Program warns youth about driving after using pot

Alexis Vegh is working what could be a tough crowd — about a dozen young people in their late teens and early 20s — and she's here to speak to them about the risks of driving high after smoking pot.

"I use quite a bit of slang during the presentation," she bluntly informs them as she begins her hour-plus-long talk.

"Weed, piff, kush," she says, firing off some street names for cannabis to surprised laughter. "Lit is high. Ball up. Spark up."

Vegh is speaking their language — and she's got their attention.

As a facilitator of the Weed Out the Risk program offered by Springboard, a community-based organization that supports at-risk youth and adults, Vegh has delivered her talk more than 200 times in the last three years, mostly to high school students. In all, more than 8,500 youth have been exposed to the message.

And with Ottawa preparing to legalize recreational marijuana next year, that message is considered more critical than ever.

Springboard is among a number of Canadian organizations ramping up efforts to teach youth about the risks of driving high, which many young people erroneously believe is not as dangerous as drinking and driving.

The main mind-altering ingredient in pot — tetrahydrocannabinol, or THC — impairs short-term memory, slows reflexes and reaction times, and narrows peripheral vision.

"Statistically, we know that young people have a fairly good ability to recognize the risk of driving under the influence of alcohol, but we see the numbers being significantly lower in their ability to recognize the risks of driving high," says Vegh.

And it's not just those who smoke up and slide into the driver's seat: surveys show 41 per cent of youth are not concerned about getting in a vehicle with a high driver.

"The reason this scares me is this statistic right here," she says pointing to the screen. "In one in five accidents, people under 18 test positive for weed. If we put that up to (age) 29 ... I've seen numbers as high as 50 per cent."

Still, Vegh's presentation is meant to be informative and interactive — not preachy.

"It's not about finger-waving," she tells the group of young people taking employment courses at a Springboard office in Toronto. "We do this from the harm-reduction principle. We know that people are going to use or not use and we may or may not be able to change that depending on where they're at."

"What we're looking to do is educate people around their choices."

And those choices can be deadly, as illustrated by a video Vegh runs on a screen at the front of the room, in which family and friends remember five teen-

aged boys from Kanata, Ont., who were killed in a fiery multi-vehicle crash in 1999 that also injured 11 others.

Toxicology tests showed the 17-year-old driver who caused the collision had significant cannabis in his system. He was convicted of impaired driving causing death and criminal negligence causing bodily harm, resulting in a year in jail.

While many parents have discussions with their teens warning of the dangers of mixing alcohol and wheels, far fewer have a similar conversation about driving while zoned out on marijuana — or being a passenger with a high driver, says Vegh.

"So to me it doesn't make any sense that we're not having at least a frank conversation about what are the effects, what are the risks, what does it look like and how do you keep yourself safe."

Sparking conversations between parents and young people is at the heart of a campaign by Drug Free Kids Canada called The Call that Comes After, a "trans-media experience" that combines online elements with a device central to teens' lives — their mobile phones.

"Our approach has always been on targeting the parents," says Marc Paris, executive director of the private sector-funded, non-profit charity that encourages young people to live their lives free of drug or alcohol abuse.

"And the reason ... is that we find that they're the first line of defence in any drug-prevention strategy," explains Paris. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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# U2 find what they're looking for...in B.C.

## WORLD TOUR

### Vancouver has become Irish rockers' go-to starting point

They might sing something suggesting the opposite but legendary rockers U2 have clearly found what they're looking for — and it's here in Vancouver.

The famed Irish band is drawing plenty of local attention with a return to the city for the launch of the 30th anniversary Joshua Tree tour on Friday.

It's the second time they've picked Vancity as the starting mark for a tour — it was almost exactly two years ago that they kicked off support for the album *Songs of Innocence* in the B.C. city. They also chose Vancouver as a base for rehearsals in 2005 before embarking on the *Vertigo* tour.

Unlike past shows, the band

is performing its 1987 album *The Joshua Tree* in its entirety each night.

Social media has been flooded with Vancouverites revelling in the band's arrival to the city where they've been rehearsing since earlier this month. Some fans have posted clips from outside the BC Place stadium where echoes of the songs could be heard through the walls.

Here are five things about the tour and the band's Canadian connections:

#### 1 Huge demand

While U2 packs stadiums on every tour, it's shocking to consider they originally planned to mark the highly anticipated Joshua Tree anniversary with a very short run of dates. Bono recently told BBC Radio 2 that he intended to perform "three, four or five" shows to honour the occasion. Instead, the tour ballooned to 33 shows covering North America and Europe.

#### 2 Timely commentary

Rarely has U2 shied away from a political statement and this tour will be no exception. The band has licensed two poems by Canadian parliamentary poet laureate George Elliott Clarke to appear as projections before every show. *Kaddish* for Leonard Cohen was written as a tribute to the late Montreal songwriter, while *Ain't You Scared of the Sacred* addresses the Quebec City mosque shooting in January that left six people dead.

#### 3 Love for Canada

The band's return to Vancouver coincides with Canada's year-long sesquicentennial celebration. Bono famously honoured the country during a 2003 Liberal convention for incoming prime minister Paul Martin by saying, "I believe the world needs more Canada." Since then, variations of the rocker's tribute have been

repeated by other famous admirers, including former U.S. president Barack Obama.

#### 4 Why Vancouver?

Finding reasons to extend their visits to the city are easy for Bono and his crew. In 2015, the singer told Vancouver radio station Rock 101 that Vancouver offered a welcoming vibe that helped the band overcome its pre-tour insecurities.

"We always had a thing with Canada in general, but Vancouver has been very, very welcoming of us at a time when we're very fragile," he said.

"Because you get quite vulnerable when you are preparing to launch a tour. And I know that sounds odd, but there is a level of nausea, and sort of, you feel ill in the pit in your stomach. It's a really anxious time.... Here in this city we feel very free. And I like to get out of the city and



**Bono, The Edge and U2 will be playing their seminal album *The Joshua Tree* in its entirety on this tour.** THE CANADIAN PRESS

I go wandering, I go cycling, I get lost around here, and I like getting lost in B.C."

#### 5 Public sightings

Several fans spotted Bono on his numerous outings throughout the city. He was

seen taking a ferry ride on False Creek and winding down at comfy Gastown cocktail bar the Diamond. Larry Mullen, the band's drummer, was seen clearing his head with a walk down the seawall.

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# The Housewives get real

As the season comes to an end, the ladies of Real Housewives of Toronto reveal what they wish they knew, what they would change, what's to come, and if they have any Mother's Day plans.

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## ANN KAPLAN MULHOLLAND

**What she wishes she knew going in:** The Real Housewives has such a big (cult) following — I was very aware of the popularity of it — but not the enormity.

**What's to come:** More comedy — more fun and living life (every moment) to the fullest (in a public format). I hope to finish two more books this year — "How to be Successful In Spite of Yourself" and a humorous look at (my) life and "life."

**What's up for Mother's Day:** My mother did not like Mother's Day ... I lost her recently — now I have one day where I am not allowed to miss her: "Mother's Day". I will celebrate with whoever of the eight children chooses to embrace their mom (me) and indulge in Thai food at Mengrai Thai.

## ROXY EARLE

**What she's most proud of:** I'm sick of being called plus-sized and discriminated for my size. I've started the #MySizeRox movement, and what's come out of this is positive energy and momentum. My focus is to continue to grow the #MySizeRox movement (this hashtag is being used by women on social who are proud of their bodies and curves), as well as launching my own clothing line, and a modelling career.

**What she would change:** I wish I had a glam-squad on hand the entire season.



## JANA WEBB

**What she wishes she knew going in:** That I would be crucified for drinking wine at a dinner party where wine was served.

**What's to come:** Launch of (the) first Joga flagship bricks and mortar in Toronto — and focusing on recovery and rehab from my accident. My goal is to come back stronger than ever.

## JOAN KELLEY WALKER

**What she wishes she knew going in:** Before the show my life was very private. I was not active on social media. It has been a fast learning curve and I love it! The fans are amazing! I love to hear from fans! The support and response has been amazing, I truly appreciate all the love.

**What's up for Mother's Day:** Mother's Day is all about family. My husband always does something wonderful for me, like a family brunch or something. After that, my kids and I will go visit my mom. Time spent with her is a huge gift.

## GREGORIANE "GREGO" MINOT

**What she wishes she knew going in:** I wish I knew that sometimes, you shouldn't give people the benefit of the doubt.

**What she would change:** Generally speaking, I believe I remained true to myself and to others but if I had to change one thing, I would have spoken my mind more, knowing what I know now.

**What's up for Mother's Day:** My husband and children are concocting a top-secret fête so I'm unsure as to what those plans are but knowing that I'll be celebrating with them already makes me happy!

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# Pandora arrives in Florida

## ATTRACTION

### Remember the movie Avatar? Disney sure hopes you do

You may not have thought much about the 2009 movie Avatar over the past eight years, but Disney sure has.

The Magic Kingdom is wagering a reported half-billion dollars that you and zillions of other people will line up for new theme park attractions based on the movie's bioluminescent world of Pandora.

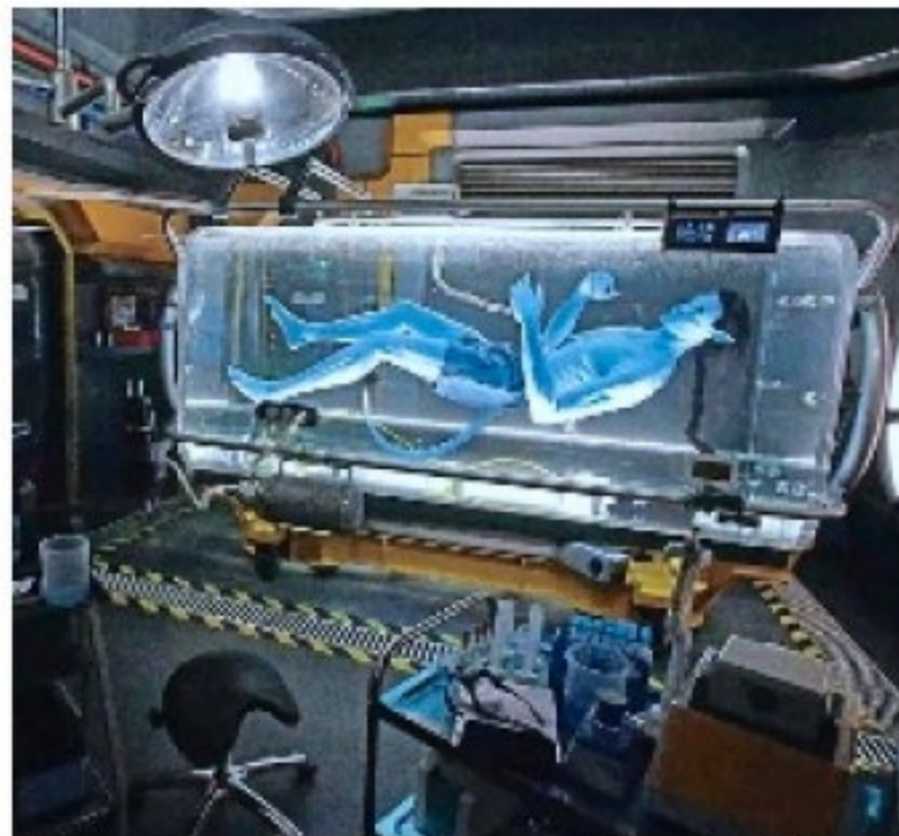
It's a major gamble, even by Disney standards. While the movie smashed box-office records thanks to its dazzling 3D effects and higher 3D ticket prices, it's also left little but a fading echo in pop-culture consciousness.

"I've never seen anybody ever walking down street wearing an Avatar t-shirt," says Martin Lewison, a theme park expert and business management professor at Farmingdale State College in New York. "There's no real emotional connection with Avatar among the public despite the movie being so popular."

#### Cultural plunder

But theme parks are big business, and Disney is counting on what its executives call Avatar Land (the official name is Pandora: World of Avatar) to help keep that engine humming.

In the fiscal year that ended in October, parks and resorts



Director James Cameron has been promising sequels since the original premiered. Release dates for four have been pushed back again. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

accounted for 31 per cent of Disney's nearly \$56 billion U.S. in revenue, though only 21 per cent of its nearly \$16 billion U.S. in operating profit.

Disney also wants to prove it can turn its newer cultural properties, which include Star Wars and the Marvel superhero franchise, into popular theme-park attractions.

In that, it's basically playing catch-up with rival Universal Studios, which launched a hugely successful Harry Potter theme park in 2010.

Now the big question is whether Disney can pull that off with Avatar Land, or if it's just chasing unobtainium. (Yes, that's an Avatar reference. See?)

#### Odd property

James Cameron, the mercurial director famous for Titanic and several other blockbusters, has been promising Avatar sequels almost since the original premiered. One had been in development since 2010. Disney licensed the park rights in 2011, when a sequel didn't seem that far off.

Little did Disney know. In 2013, Cameron announced his intention to film three follow-on films simultaneously, for release starting in 2016. But the date was pushed back until 2017, then 2018. In March, Cameron said 2018 was "not happening." In April, he announced the start of production

on four sequels now scheduled to roll out from 2020 to 2025.

That left Disney to plunge ahead on its own with Avatar Land, which opens May 27 at Disney's Animal Kingdom theme park in Florida. If all goes well, the park "will promote the films and the new films will of course circle back and promote the land," Lewison says.

#### Beating Harry Potter

One big reason the Walt Disney Co. has pushed ahead with Avatar Land — not to mention Star Wars-themed attractions scheduled to open in 2019 — is the rising threat posed by Universal's The Wizarding World of Harry Potter.

In 2015, about 138 million people visited Walt Disney Attractions, up nearly three per cent from the prior year. Universal Parks and Resorts saw less than a third as many visitors — 45 million — but that figure was up nearly 12 per cent, according to the trade group Theme Entertainment Association.

"What Harry Potter did was to become a big public success and financial one as well," says John Gerner, managing director of theme park consulting firm Leisure Business Advisors. "It really set a new bar for our industry."

Of course, Avatar is a very different brand than Harry Potter, which has launched nine feature films to date, including an entirely new series whose second installment is due next year — well before the first Avatar sequel.

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Faced with a blockbuster that hardly left an impression, Disney is focussing on the landscape and wildlife of Pandora — rather than characters — to sell the rides. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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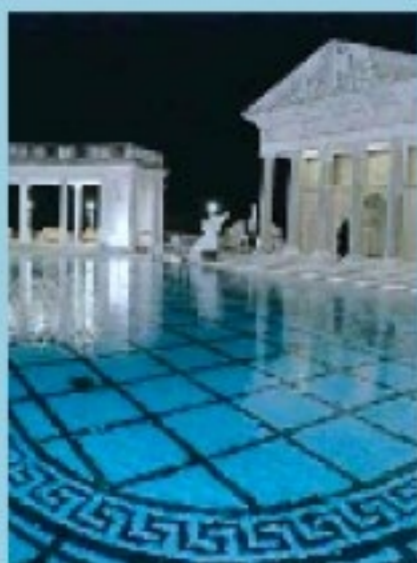
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**Pool season almost here at Hearst Castle**

Visitors to Hearst Castle on the central California coast will see its extravagant Neptune Pool full of water this year. A signature element of the palatial home that early 20th century media mogul William Randolph Hearst built, the pool was drained in 2014 and repairs have been underway for over a year. Restoration of the 345,000-gallon pool should be complete by late summer or fall. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**


**Ohio tourism up**

Data from a study shows continued growth in Ohio's tourism industry last year. Direct visitor spending in 2016 was estimated at \$34 billion, an increase of about a billion dollars from 2015. Tourism visits to and within Ohio increased from 207 million in 2015 to 212 million. Nearly 42 million of those were overnight trips. Overnight visitors spend, on average, more than three times the amount of daytrip visitors. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**


**Eclipse could boost tourism in Wyoming**

An estimated 350,000 people could visit Wyoming to watch the first total solar eclipse to be seen from the mainland United States in almost four decades. The state should have ideal viewing conditions; places where the Aug. 21 eclipse will last the longest — about 2 minutes and 20 seconds — include the cities of Casper and Riverton and the town of Jackson. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



# 5 NEW ATTRACTIONS TO CHECK OUT IN AMSTERDAM

Heading to The Netherlands' beautiful capital? There's never been a better time to visit the Venice of the North. A growing population, with Millennials making up the largest group of newcomers, is forcing this already progressive city to face its future today. Travel by bike or canal to these five (new) attractions. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**


**1 De Beurspassage**

De Beurspassage is a covered passageway that connects Damrak Avenue and Nieuwendijk Street in Amsterdam's main shopping district. The passageway received a spectacular makeover in late 2016. Highlights include beautiful wall mosaics, stained-glass tiles and wall-mounted ornaments. Artists Arno Coenen and Iris Roskam wanted the passageway to reflect Amsterdam's unique characteristics, and our favourite features are the ornate chandeliers — look closely and you'll notice they're made out of bike parts. **Details:** [beurspassageamsterdam.nl/information-en](http://beurspassageamsterdam.nl/information-en)


**2 Over the Edge**

Over the Edge is Europe's highest swing, and it's part of A'dam Lookout, a new rooftop observation platform in Amsterdam-Noord. Strap into the two-person seat and you'll fly over the city, 100 metres above the ground. Getting there is half the fun, because access is via a high-speed elevator that shoots up 20 floors in 22 seconds. Afterwards, check out the skydeck for breathtaking city views. **Details:** [adamlookout.com](http://adamlookout.com)


**3 The Hotel Pulitzer**

This beautiful hotel, which recently reopened after a huge refurbishment, is made up of 25 historic canal houses, spanning 400 years of history. Covered glass walkways weave through the beautiful gardens and connect the various buildings, which are filled with nods to their past. For example, beautiful displays of glass bottles are a reminder that the entrance to the restaurant had once been a pharmacy. We recommend the orangery-like Pause for afternoon tea. **Details:** [pulitzeramsterdam.com](http://pulitzeramsterdam.com)

**4 The Lobby Fizeaustaat**

Amsterdam is an easy city to explore and growing numbers of visitors are heading to its lesser-known neighbourhoods. The Lobby Fizeaustaat can be found on the ground floor of the Hotel V Fizeaustaat, in a quiet, green corner of trendy Amsterdam-Oost. It's fine dining without the price tag (expect to pay around \$40 Canadian for a two-course meal) and features lots of quirky touches, like tree-filled glass cubicles for guests who need to make private calls. **Details:** [thelobbyfizeaustaat.nl/en/index.html](http://thelobbyfizeaustaat.nl/en/index.html)


**5 De Pindakaaswinkel**

Peanut-butter aficionado Michiel Vos founded the recently opened De Pindakaaswinkel (The Peanut Butter Shop). Step inside the store, on Czaar Peterstraat, and you'll find a plethora of varieties, including raisin, coconut, white chocolate, and sea salt caramel. Vos' products can be purchased online, but are currently only shipped across Europe. He plans to host regular tasting events and it's possible to buy peanut butter-themed merchandise. **Details:** [facebook.com/depindakaaswinkel](https://facebook.com/depindakaaswinkel)

# Shaking up France's transport monopoly



Dubbed Macron buses after the president-elect, these cheap long-distance rides in France are a controversial part of efforts to loosen up the monopolized sector. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## TRANSPORTATION

### Travellers on the A10 out of Paris weigh in on cheap ride

They're dubbed the Macron buses, cheap long-distance rides across France that were among Emmanuel Macron's few notable achievements before his meteoric rise to the French presidency — part of his efforts to loosen up France's monopoly-bound transport sector and invigorate the economy.

A ride on one such bus on the A10 highway out of Paris shows how the president-elect might try to change the country after his inauguration on Sunday.

The ride took place on a national holiday — so most French businesses were closed and the streets of the capital were empty. The bus was an exception. Fully booked, it was heading to Orleans, Poitiers, all the way south to France's famous wine region of Bordeaux.

Some on the bus were heading home after a weekend in Paris. Others were visiting family. All had one thing in common: a cheap ticket.

"I find it good. Competition brings down prices, we see it with Uber taxis," said Anthony Coste, a 24-year-old sales manager returning to Bordeaux after three years in Paris. A train ticket to Bordeaux would have set him back more than \$104 — but his ticket with bus company Ouibus cost only \$37.

Macron became a household name as economy minister because of a controversial 2015 work reform law. One of its most famous measures removed restrictions on new bus lines to increase competition and lower prices, nicknamed "transport for the poor."

The so-called Macron Law, the 39-year-old's keystone achievement, has a mixed legacy. It aimed mainly to free up France's notoriously inflexible labour rules but was opposed by many on the left and provoked widespread protests.

Some 6.2 million people took Macron buses to get around in the year after the law, according to the National Federation of National Travelers. However, the law fell dramatically short of its goal of creating 22,000 jobs, according to French media.

Megabus, one of the Macron Law companies, went bust in 2016. And some see such budget services as a symbol of the erosion of France's worker-friendly labour model.

"It represents this Uberization. We're willing to pay less and give up good service," said Pierre France, a 29-year-old researcher taking the bus to Poi-

tiers. "It's an economic choice that we make purely based on cost, because it's much cheaper, but without thinking about the long-term consequences."

But he acknowledged the law has its benefits. A frequent traveller, he's encountered people from low-income communities on bus trips who wouldn't have been able to travel otherwise.

One of the most noticeable — and controversial — points of the Macron Law aimed to relax the strict rules that closed French stores on Sunday and in the evening, especially in tourist areas. Macron's law has left an indelible mark on tourist spots around France, from the Normandy seaside town of Deauville to the glitz of Paris' Champs-Élysées. In major department stores, an agreement was made with powerful workers' unions that gave employees perks for working on Sunday.

Conversely, pro-business conservatives argue the changes were too incremental, not fundamental enough to fix an economy with chronically high unemployment.

Other than the labour law, in terms of Macron's political legacy, so far there's relatively little to go on, as the former banker has never held elected office.

His biggest impact on France has arguably been the ideological implosion of the French left. Macron's centrist base pulled votes away from the centre-left.

Back on the Ouibus, passengers used the long ride to rest or work. No one here is going to argue with a cheap ride home.

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**It represents this Uberization. We're willing to pay less and give up good service.**

Pierre France, 29

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# Discover bluefin tuna fishing in P.E.I.

## ADVENTURE

## The province is the bluefin tuna capital of the world

**Jennifer Bain**  
For Metro Canada

Things get rowdy on the Shine Shack at 10:55 a.m., two hours into our private tuna charter on the Gulf of St. Lawrence. The fish finder goes berserk. There's a tuna nearby. Captain Gerard Holland rips open a cardboard box filled with a bag of herring. He and first mate Jamie Hebert toss pieces of dead, stinky fish overboard to tempt the tuna.

It's windy so guts and scales fly back and get tangled in my hair. Fishing. You either love it or you just don't get it.

"Most people, the average Joe, just want a whale-watching tour," allows Holland. "Catching a tuna can be a long, hard process."

People come from all over to fish here in the bluefin tuna capital of the world. Today, three



A fisherman catches a bluefin tuna off the coast of Prince Edward Island. JENNIFER BAIN/TORSTAR

friends from Drummondville, Quebec have booked with Wicked Sea Adventures.

First, we put out lines and troll for mackerel. They go into buckets filled with water until needed as live bait. When the tuna alarm beeps, the mackerel lines come up and three custom tuna fishing rods are let out with

live bait on the hooks.

"I'd like to get a 1,000 pound one today," admits Hebert. "Call the wife and kids, tell them to come to the shore, watch the crane, get pictures."

Tuna charters in Prince Edward Island are usually catch-and-release. Unbeknownst to us, today is supposed to be different.

Holland pays upwards of \$40,000 a year for the right to run catch-and-release charters and keep one tuna a year. Today, he figures, will be the day to tow the tuna back to the dock, have a crane lift it to be weighed, and then entertain offers from North American buyers or send it to Japan on consignment.

### WHEN YOU GO

#### Do this:

Wicked Sea Adventures offers private catch-and-release bluefin tuna fishing charters for \$750/half day and \$1,250/full day for up to eight people. You can join public group charters for about \$135/half day and \$200/full day. The company also offers deep-sea fishing, whale-watching trips and lobster demos.

#### Get there:

I flew Air Canada direct to Charlottetown.

#### Get around:

Rent a car to get around.

#### Stay:

Stay at the Holman Grand Hotel in Charlottetown.



"There's a fish right there," Holland yells at 11:19 a.m. He has been tracking a "boil" — sort of a swell or wave — beside the boat. We rush to the side of the Shine Shack and peer at the sea.

"We'll have a hookup by the end of the day," vows Holland using local slang for a tuna on the line.

By noon, things quiet down. Fish eat big meals in the morning and evening and retreat from the bright, midday sun.

"Tuna fishing is kind of like bear hunting," opines Holland. "It can be hours of boredom and seconds of terror."

I may never know. I've got a flight to catch and can't risk missing it for a tuna. The captain runs me to shore, mumbling: "I hate to take people in without a fish." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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## The joke is on us

Sean Plummer

Since it launched in 1983, Montreal comedy festival Just For Laughs (JFL) has hosted joke giants like Jim Carrey, John Cleese, Rowan Atkinson, Dave Chappelle and Tim Allen. But unknown comics also know that if you kill at JFL, you won't be unknown for long.

Held each July, the festival has become a jesting juggernaut that can launch a career.

Among the success stories is Kevin Hart (Ride Along, Get Hard) who made his JFL debut during

2001's New Faces showcase and has gone on to a huge stand-up and acting career. Similarly, JFL has exploded, expanding from a two-day event to one that lasts the entire month of July.

The festival's brand is so strong that its shows are regularly programmed on the Comedy Network, and tourists and comics from around the world now descend upon the city's busy Latin Quarter annually, making it bustle with activity each summer as club shows compete with big galas at the Saint-Denis Theatre.

Need further proof of JFL's comic pedigree? Its website is hahaha.com.



Before making it big as a stand-up comedian and actor, Kevin Hart, known for *Get Hard* and *Ride Along*, appeared at Montreal's Just for Laughs in 2001 for the festival's New Faces showcase. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Home of heli-skiing

If you want to heli-ski, B.C. is the place to be. About 95 per cent of all heli-skiing trips — which involves transporting skiers by helicopter to remote mountain peaks and glaciers — take place in the province.

The sport's founder, Hans Gmoser, was an Austrian mountain guide who emigrated to Canada in 1951 and started transporting clients to remote mountain tops by helicopter in 1963. His company, Canadian Mountain Holidays, remains the world's preeminent heli-skiing outfit. SEAN PLUMMER



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## Grizzlies love B.C.

British Columbia has a lot of grizzly bears.

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## PGA TOUR

### Successful debut at Players for Canuck

Mackenzie Hughes arrived at the TPC Sawgrass with no scar tissue and played his first round at The Players Championship with no bogeys. Pretty simple, eh?

The Canadian rookie shook his head and laughed. Even after going bogey-free in his debut Thursday for a 5-under 67 to share the lead with William McGirt, Hughes saw enough of the Players Stadium Course to realize that surprises lurk around every corner. "There's just not really a moment where you can let up," Hughes said.

No need explaining that to Adam Scott, who won The Players in 2004 and was off to a strong start on a steamy afternoon when he was 6 under and



Mackenzie Hughes  
GETTY IMAGES

heading to the infamous par-3 17th with its island green.

First, he watched Masters champion Sergio Garcia hit a gap wedge that took one big hop, land just behind the cup and disappear for a hole-in-one. Scott followed by spinning a shot off the bank and into the water for a double bogey, and he compounded that with another double bogey.

"I played some good golf out there and unfortunately not on the last two," Scott said after settling for a 70. "It happens."

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## IN BRIEF

### Canada gets a scare from France, improves to 4-0

Marc-Edouard Vlasic scored the winner as Canada survived a scare in a tight 3-2 win over co-host France on Thursday at the world hockey championship.

Canada improved its record to 4-0 despite falling behind an opponent for the first time in the tournament when Damien Fleury put France up 2-1 on the power play at the 1:37 mark of the second period. Claude Giroux levelled it up before Vlasic struck.

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**You look at any team that has won and been good for all these years, they start with a disappointment.**

Connor McDavid after the Oilers were eliminated in Game 7 with a 2-1 loss on Wednesday night in Anaheim

# GSP comeback fight vs. Bisping cancelled

## MMA

### UFC president White runs out of patience with Montrealer

UFC president Dana White has pulled the plug on Georges St-Pierre's comeback fight against middleweight champion Michael Bisping. St-Pierre, who has not fought since November 2013, says he is ready to fight after October. White says that's too late.

"I made this GSP fight, we did a press conference. The thing was supposed to happen in July. Michael Bisping is going to have to defend his title now. We're not waiting for GSP," White told Fox Sports Australia.

The 35-year-old St-Pierre last fought at UFC 167 when he won a narrow decision over Johny (Bigg Rigg) Hendricks for his 12th straight victory. St-Pierre then took a hiatus, saying he needed time away from the sport.

When the Montreal MMA



George St-Pierre was supposed to fight Michael Bisping for the UFC middleweight title. GETTY IMAGES

star's return was announced in February, the UFC said the Bisping-GSP fight would take place in the second half of the year. St-Pierre offered his own take on that in a social media video posting last Friday.

"Mr. Bisping, I cleared my entire schedule to get ready for training camp after the summer. So I can fight you any time after October. You pick the date. Let's get it on."

That did not go down well

with the UFC boss, apparently upset that everything was on hold in the middleweight division because of GSP.

"Georges St-Pierre is saying he will not be ready to compete now until November. Who knows if that's even the case. It could be next year," White told Fox Sports Australia. "So we're not waiting for Georges St-Pierre any more. We're moving on with the division, and Yoel Romero will get the next shot."

Romero (12-1-0) is the No. 1 contender at 185 pounds.

St-Pierre was unaware of White's statement that the Bisping fight was off. "I didn't know that," he said in a text.

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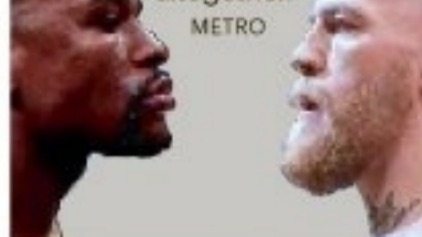
### I cried the way home

Eddie Alvarez reminiscing on his loss to Conor McGregor at UFC 205. Alvarez will start his climb back up the lightweight ladder against Dustin Poirer at UFC 211 this Saturday.

## NOTORIOUS M&M

UFC President Dana White says he won't wait much longer for negotiations to start for a Conor McGregor vs. Floyd Mayweather boxing match, according to website MMA Junkie.

White said Thursday that if he can't get McGregor to agree to terms by Sunday, he plans to move on from the matchup with Mayweather altogether.



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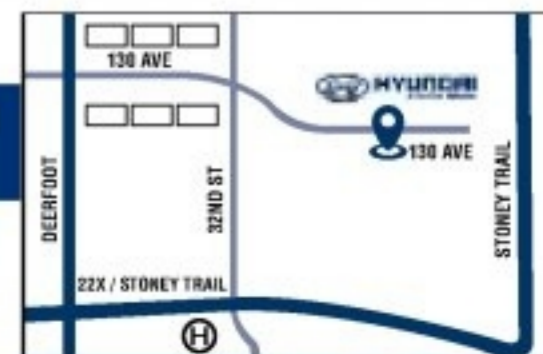
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# 'Tree' headed in the right direction



FLAMES UP CLOSE

Ryan  
Leslie

Even in the off-season Brad Treliving is switched on.

The Flames GM invited me to his office for the latest instalment of the Flames Up Close podcast. Inside, it was a mini "war room," if you will. A desk with stacks of organized paperwork. Photos. Memories. The phone ringing, the texts dinging, the TV on and being watched intently.

With the NHL draft, expansion draft, awards, free agency and rookie camps around the

corner, there really is no "off-season."

There will be time, in the weeks to come, to talk about the future, about strategies, but today it's about stories. Stories of the fraternity of NHL GMs. What kind of characters they are, who deals with who and what it was like to make his first deal as a rookie general manager with a veteran GM who has won plenty in this league.

Treliving, always candid, touches on what he loves about this job. Winning, sure — but it's about building something. It's about the competitive juice and it's about seeing it through.



For Flames GM Brad Treliving, there really is no off-season.

THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Now armed with a multi-year contract here in Calgary, the man they call "Tree" will get that chance to see it through.

From there, we shift into

some stories of growing up. First, working the dish pit as a 13-year-old at Boston Pizza, the chain his father Jim started years ago. Then, it was a promotion to pizza delivery

## PODCAST

Listen to the Flames Up Close podcast at [metronews.ca](http://metronews.ca).

guy, sadly prior to the invention of the GPS. As Treliving points out, one mandatory trait a delivery guy should have is a sense of direction. He has none. That career didn't last long.

When Treliving was in junior there were plenty of tough guys in the Western Hockey League, and one night this season over dinner, he ran into one — Jim McKenzie. He

was tough in junior and the pros. The two reminisced and laughed. Afterwards, Treliving joked about how he hoped he'd break his arm in warmup or get in a fender bender so he wouldn't have to face McKenzie back in the day.

Colourful. Articulate. And engaging. The stories could go on and on.

Unfortunately or fortunately, depending on how you look at it, we had to cut it short. The Flames GM had a call.

He had to get back to work.

Ryan Leslie is host of Calgary Flames TV.

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh  
For Metro Canada



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### Ready in 1 hour and 10 minutes

Prep time: 15 minutes  
Cook time: 55 minutes  
Makes: 1 loaf

### Ingredients

- 1/2 cup unsalted butter (1 stick)
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 egg
- 3 bananas, mashed
- 4 tbsp almond milk
- 2 cups spelt flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 cup chocolate chips
- 1/4 cup slivered almonds
- 1/4 cup unsweetened flaked coconut

### Directions

1. Preheat your oven to 350 and grease a 9x5 inch loaf pan.
2. Set aside. Cream butter and sugar with a hand blender or stand mixer. Add one egg. Mix in mashed bananas and almond milk.

3. In a separate bowl, whisk flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Add flour mixture in stages to butter mix incorporated after each addition. Fold in the chips, coconut and almond slivers. Pour into prepared baking pan; tapping pan down to make sure it's evenly distributed.

4. Bake in the oven for 50 to 55 minutes or until a toothpick inserted into the centre comes out clean. Cool on a rack for a few minutes. Turn out of pan and store in a plastic bag for up to a week.

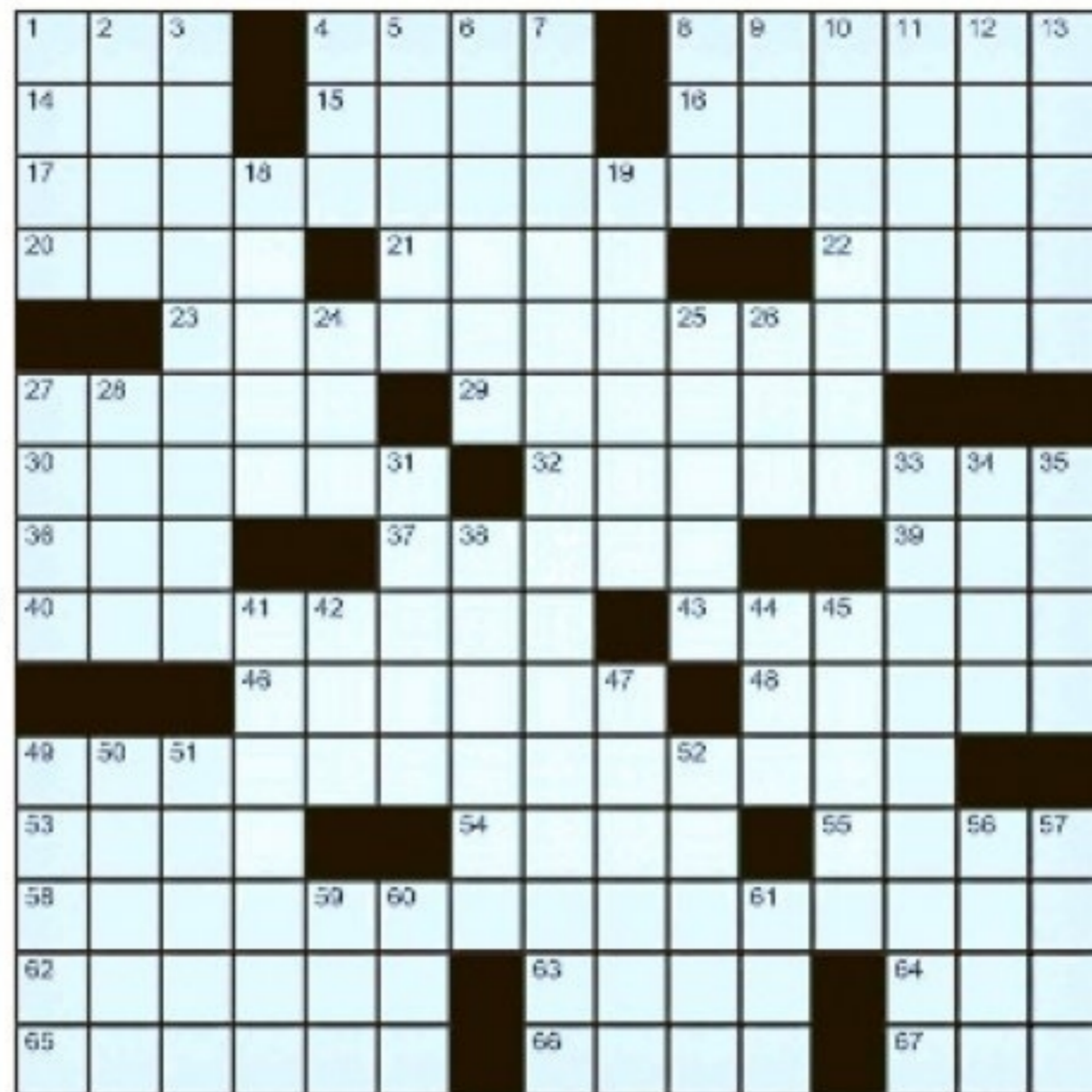
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## ACROSS

1. '\_\_\_' for Digby  
4. Reckons  
8. Least wild  
14. Grocery store, e.g.  
15. Get set, for short  
16. "There \_\_\_ many people!" (It's so crowded!)  
17. Bre-X, basically: 3 wds.  
20. Latin hymn: "Dies \_\_\_"  
21. Ms. Russell of "Felicity"  
22. "\_\_\_ Miracle" by Culture Club  
23. Narrating protagonist in Canadian writer Robertson Davies' 1970 novel Fifth Business: 2 wds.  
27. Room-enough-to-fit requirement  
29. Retro album's protection  
30. Author: French  
32. Theatrical production back-drop: 2 wds.  
36. "Diamonds \_\_\_ Forever" (1971)  
37. Impede, in law  
39. Mon's weekly follower  
40. Ukraine: Odesa = 'The Pearl of the \_\_\_'  
43. Canadian sweets shoppe, Laura \_\_\_  
46. Detect that noise: 2 wds.  
48. Old El Paso creations  
49. One might offer ziplining, hiking, water slides, and loads of other fun activities: 2 wds.  
53. Barbarian  
54. Nero's 1151  
55. Night \_\_\_ (Staying-up-late people)  
58. Couch potato's prized techie possession: 2 wds.  
62. Ms. Shire's of "Rocky" (1976)



## DOWN

1. Techie-sounding prefix  
2. Pet bat on "The Munsters"  
3. Orange Pekoe brand: 2 wds.  
4. Music pace in 60 seconds (acronym)  
5. Mr. Estrada's  
6. Principles  
7. Space-saving access in a multi-level condo: 2 wds.  
8. Identify  
9. Rover's response!  
10. Prosper \_\_\_ (19th-century French writer)  
11. Les \_\_\_-Unis (USA)  
12. 'The March King',

- John Philip \_\_\_ (b.1854 - d.1932)  
13. NBC's morning show  
18. Mr. Bigelow, Male Gigolo  
19. Workday hours, \_\_\_ five  
24. Modern: German  
25. Collects, as crops  
26. Li'l norm  
27. Swedish car  
28. Knit one \_\_\_ two...  
31. Convened for a meeting once more  
33. Kim of Canadian trio Shaye  
34. 2002-debuting coin  
35. Mr. Knight's  
38. Skincare formulas  
41. Gourmet's parsley  
42. Mattel guy  
44. 7th Greek letter  
45. Ricochet shot in billiards  
47. Penn & \_\_\_ (Magic act)  
49. Borders  
50. Robert of "Goodbye, Mr. Chips" (1939)  
51. "There you are!"  
52. FOX News host, Judge Jeanine \_\_\_  
56. Space travel distance, for short: 2 wds.  
57. Salts, in Sherbrooke  
59. 'Arbor' suffix  
60. Beatles drummer's initials-sharers  
61. Abbr. aliens

## \* IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

**Aries** March 21 - April 20  
You are so enthusiastic that you can sell anything to anyone today — your words are like gold! This is a great day for those of you who sell, market, teach, act, write or drive for a living.

**Taurus** April 21 - May 21  
"There's money in them thar hills!" Oh yes, your enthusiasm will attract money to you today. You will do well in all financial negotiations. Ka-ching!

**Gemini** May 22 - June 21  
You can take it to the bank today, because you are powerful. No matter what you do, you will come out smelling like a rose. Use this strong energy for creating good in the world around you.

**Cancer** June 22 - July 23  
You appreciate the behind-the-scenes support you get from others at this time. Something good and beneficial will come from this. Look for ways to make this happen.

**Leo** July 24 - Aug. 23  
Your ability to deal with others today, especially in groups, is stellar! Today you are a natural leader, which is why everyone will take their cue from you. Ah, maestro!

**Virgo** Aug. 24 - Sept. 23  
Today your ambition is aroused. You will act with skillful means, which is why this is an excellent day to talk to bosses, parents, teachers, VIPs and the police. You look like a winner!

**Libra** Sept. 24 - Oct. 23  
This is a fast-paced day full of detours and exciting changes! Even your mind is full of quickly changing thoughts and clever ideas.

**Scorpio** Oct. 24 - Nov. 22  
Travel plans totally appeal to you today. This is the perfect day to discuss matters related to publishing, the media, medicine, the law and higher education.

**Sagittarius** Nov. 23 - Dec. 21  
You couldn't pick a better day to discuss inheritances and shared property because everyone probably will be fair; nevertheless, you are in a winning position. Oh, yes! Do something.

**Capricorn** Dec. 22 - Jan. 20  
You will be extremely productive at work today. You have great energy and wonderful intuition about how to use it to get the most bang for your buck. You also feel healthy and vigorous!

**Aquarius** Jan. 21 - Feb. 19  
This is the perfect day for a vacation. It's also a great day to schmooze with your friends and enjoy social outings, sports events and playful activities with children.

**Pisces** Feb. 20 - March 20  
Whatever you do at home today will bring about positive results for you. Likewise, this is an excellent day to pursue real-estate deals.

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